

TOMORROW

Historian Lord Dacre replies to his critics and explains how he "rashly" authenticated the forged Hitler diaries.

Swindler of disc jockey jailed

Basil Wainwright, aged 49, a businessman, of Birmingham, was jailed at Worcester Crown Court yesterday for three years for swindling Noel Edmunds, the disc jockey, of £40,000.

Riots warning for students

M. Pierre Marrou, the French Prime Minister, gave a warning that student protests against higher education reform might be exploited by right-wing extremists.

More charges

Four further charges of murder and two of attempted murder were put to Dennis Nilson, a former probationary policeman, when he made his sixteenth court appearance in London.

Ulster attack

A man who was attacked and injured by eight masked men in his home in Londonderry was told he must leave the city by August 1.

Collier offer

The management of John Collier is proposing to buy out the menswear shop from UDS, the retailing chain now controlled by Hanson Trust Page 19

Grants up 4%

The annual grant to degree-course students will go up by 4 per cent this autumn, from £1,595 to £1,660 outside London.

'Peace' charges

Ten women arrested during the Greenham Common peace camp eviction appeared before Newbury magistrates on charges of causing a breach of the peace and criminal damage. Page 3

£40m order

A £40m Mexican order for two bulk carriers won by British Shipbuilders will ensure work for 1,200 men for two years. Page 19

Lion at large

A lion which escaped from a travelling circus roamed the streets of Didcot, Oxfordshire, for 30 minutes last night before it was recaptured in a garage.

Foster appeal

Steve Foster, the Brighton captain who is banned from playing in the FA Cup Final on May 21, has appealed to the High Court to lift his suspension. Page 22

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Cut in jobless but no extra inflation is aim of Alliance

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

A crisis programme designed to reduce unemployment by one million within two years without increasing inflation was offered yesterday by the Liberal-Social Democratic Party Alliance in its manifesto, entitled 'A Joint Programme for Government'.

Healey urges study of Andropov offer

By Anthony Evans, Political Correspondent

Mr Denis Healey last night urged the Government to accept the outline terms of the Soviet offer, to match reductions of Warsaw Pact and Nato nuclear warheads.

Tories like Nazis, says Scargill

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners leader yesterday likened the prospect of another Conservative Government to the rise of the Nazis and promised 'vigorous opposition' if Mrs Thatcher is returned for a second term of office.

Cabinet rejects 47% pay rise

By Our Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister last night dismissed an official recommendation that she should receive a pay increase of 58 per cent.



'Legend in his lifetime' tribute to Speaker

Mr George Thomas, (photographed yesterday) who is retiring after seven years as Speaker of the House of Commons, said tribute to his distinguished services yesterday, that there was a meaning and a strength behind the traditions which they observed and he rejoiced to know that the House still guarded them.

Tests on animals to be restricted

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The first change for more than 100 years in the regulations governing experiments on animals are proposed in a White Paper published yesterday. Stricter controls are recommended, which would bring a wider category of animal testing under protection.

Lebanon presses Syria to withdraw its troops

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Elie Salem, the Lebanese Foreign Minister, flew to Damascus yesterday to present to the President Assad of Syria with Lebanon's request for a simultaneous withdrawal of Syrian and Israeli forces from the country.

Lie detector to be used on security staff

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The use of the polygraph or lie detector in Britain is to be introduced as soon as possible as a result of a recommendation given to Parliament by the Security Commission yesterday.

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Ten women arrested at Greenham Common as the bailiffs move in

Ten women were arrested yesterday at the Greenham Common peace camp in Berkshire, when Newbury District Council finally enforced the eviction order which it won in the High Court two months ago.

The arrests were made as police supporting bailiffs from the Berkshire sheriff's office dragged away women who were sitting on and in front of a number of vehicles which the bailiffs were towing away.

Thames Valley Police said that nine of the women were to appear in court accused of conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace, and one had been charged with causing criminal damage. One woman was taken to hospital for a check-up after the flap in a cell door fell open and caught her a glancing blow on the head, the police said, she was later returned to custody.

Mr Michael Harris, legal officer to Newbury District Council, said that some of the

scized vehicles would be auctioned to raise about £2,000, made up of £1,000 in costs awarded by the High Court and the costs of yesterday's repossession, unless the women paid the money.

According to an article in *Peace News*, the first of the cruise missile convoy vehicles are expected to be delivered to Greenham Common from West Germany this month and the crew members of the United States are due to arrive early next month.

Generals protest

The deployment of cruise and Pershing missiles will step up the arms race "beyond anything we know at present" and will damage the chances of comprehensive disarmament, according to a group of 13 former Nato generals, admirals and brigadiers.

The group, Generals for Peace and Disarmament, formed in 1981, argues that the alleged missile gap in Europe does not exist, that the search for a strict balance between East and West nuclear forces is a fallacy and that the existing United States Forces together with the French and British independent deterrents already provide a counter-balance to the Soviet Union's SS20s.

Brigadier Michael Harbottle, the British representative of the group, which includes officers from the United States, West Germany, France, Greece, The Netherlands and Portugal, said that the British and French forces could not be excluded from the Geneva talks.

A booklet published by the group, *Ten Questions*, argues that deployment of cruise, Pershing and Trident may well lead to moves by the Soviet Union to deploy missiles in Central America or at sea.



Peace camp skirmish: Officers from the Thames Valley Police removing women who were sitting on vehicles which bailiffs were trying to tow away from council land at Greenham Common yesterday.

Equality in marriage proposed for Scots

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Victorian laws in Scotland on husbands and wives which are discriminatory and out of step with modern notions of equality in marriage should be abolished, the Scottish Law Commission says in a report published yesterday.

Under Scottish law, for instance, actions can still be brought for breach of promise. They have been abolished in England and in other countries and the Scottish law "probably does not reflect modern attitudes", the commission says.

One criticism is that such actions may "potentially afford scope for blackmail, or 'gold digging' claims, or actions raised out of spite." That is the main reason for their abolition in England and some American states.

Another criticism is that any legal restrictions on the freedom of a person to withdraw from a proposed marriage is undesirable, the commission says.

Scottish law also gives a husband a stronger legal position in the choice of a matrimonial home. Provided his choice is genuine and reasonable, his wife will be in desertion if she refuses to live with him there.

The commission proposes the abolition of that rule and the placing of spouses on an equal footing.

Another anachronism is the presumption under Scottish law that the wife is the husband's domestic manager. In theory that can mean he is liable for certain bills incurred by her, the commission says. Although in practice the presumption probably has little effect, it is inconsistent with sexual equality and should be abolished, it says.

Scottish Law Commission: *Family Law. Report on outdated rules in the law of husband and wife. (Stationary Office, £4.65.)*

BT to computerize inquiries

British Telecom is to computerize its telephone directory inquiry service. The corporation awarded Standard Telephones and Cables (STC) a £32m contract yesterday to supply 4,000 computer terminals for its inquiry operators.

Installation will start next year and should be finished by 1986.

British Telecom promises that its operators will be able to answer directory inquiries significantly faster by keying a name and address into an electronic terminal than they can with the present method which uses microfiches (microfilm).

Only three-quarters of the 10,000 directory inquiry operators employed today will be required to run the fully computerized system. BT expects to lose 2,500 jobs by

natural wastage and reallocating staff to other duties.

A spokesman said yesterday that compulsory redundancy could not be ruled out, but it would be "absolutely the last resort; at this stage we are not even considering it."

The Union of Communication Workers (UCW), which represents all telephone operators, has accepted computerization of directory inquiries as good in principle but it has not agreed that any jobs should be lost.

Miss Kim McKinley, the UCW officer responsible, said BT should take advantage of the reduced call handling time to cut the present delay in answering 192 calls, many of which are lost because people get tired of waiting and hang up.

However, BT is not promising to answer directory inquiry calls more promptly after the computer terminals are installed.

The new STC terminals will be connected directly to BT's existing computers, which already hold details of Britain's 22 million telephone subscribers.

If the inquiry is simple, as when the caller knows someone's name and address and just wants the number, the operator should be able to key in the details and give an answer within five seconds or so.

Since the database will be updated every day, there will be no need to resort to a special list of new numbers, which at present causes further delay.

Nilsen is charged with four more murders

Dennis Andrew Nilsen, a former probationary policeman, was charged with four more murders when he appeared on remand yesterday at Highgate Magistrates' Court, in north London.

Mr Nilsen, aged 37, of Cranley Gardens, Muswell Hill, north London, who had already been charged with the murder of Stephen Sinclair, aged 20, at Cranley Gardens on or about February 1, faced new charges during the one-minute hearing, his sixteenth remand appearance at the Highgate court.

The new charges are that at 195 Melrose Avenue, Cricklewood, London, he murdered: Kenneth James Ockenden between December 2 and 5, 1978; Maryn Brandon Duffey, between May 13 and 19,

1980; William David Sutherland, between July 1 and September 30, 1980; Malcolm Barlow, between September 16 and 19, 1981.

Mr Nilsen was also charged with attempting to murder Douglas Stewart at Melrose Avenue between November 9 and 12, 1980; and attempting to murder Paul Nobbs at 23 Cranley Gardens between November 22 and 25, 1981, contrary to section one of the Criminal Attempts Act, 1981.

He was remanded in custody for a further week.

The first of the four men whom Mr Nilsen was accused yesterday of murdering, Kenneth Ockenden, aged 26, was a Canadian on holiday at the time that he vanished in London three years ago. He was last seen in December, 1979, two days before he was due to fly home.

Barrister's killer grins as he is jailed for life

An unemployed youth born in London of West Indian parents was jailed for life at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for murdering a barrister from Ghana.

David Barnes, aged 18, swaggered to the cells, grinning broadly, after being convicted of deliberately stabbing to death Mr Malik Owusu, aged 47, who had seven children. They both lived at Pym House, on the Angell town estate, Brixton, south London.

Barnes was cleared of taking part in the robbery which led to Mr Owusu's death on September 20 last. Afterwards it was revealed that Barnes was serving a hospital sentence for participation in a £5,000 robbery of a security guard. He had

other convictions, including one for carrying a knife.

His friend, Patrick Rhoden, aged 17, unemployed, of Lyndhurst Way, Peckham, also of West Indian descent, was put on probation for two years after he admitted snatching a gold chain worth £340 from the neck of a woman companion of Mr Owusu.

Mr James Miskin, QC, the Recorder of London, said he was taking the "unusual course" of freeing Rhoden because of his "very difficult" life and because he had been held in custody for several weeks.

Mr Malik was killed when he went after Barnes and Rhoden and demanded the return of the chain. Barnes stabbed him through the heart.



Bishop Sheppard being greeted by his wife at Manchester airport yesterday.

Two sides to Falklands case, bishop says

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Reverend David Sheppard, arrived in Britain from Argentina yesterday and issued a warning that it would be foolish not to accept that both sides had a case over the Falklands.

He said his two-week tour had underlined the "enormous difficulties" involved in reaching a peaceful settlement over the sovereignty of the islands. But the bishop said there was a "great sadness" in Argentina over the conflict with Britain and many Argentines were critical of their country's use of force in the islands last year.

The bishop said some people in Argentina had spoken of the British Government's long delays in offering a settlement. They felt that had provoked their government's action.

He told a press conference at Ringway airport, Manchester: "Whatever one's feelings with regard to the lawlessness of that action, I could not fail to realize the strength of feelings of people of British descent and others, both in Argentina and other parts of Latin America.

"They felt that Britain, as the more powerful nation, had reacted with unnecessary force", he said. His visit had made him feel the urgency of the two nations finding a peaceful settlement.

The bishop's visit was part of a South American tour to represent the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, at the amalgamation of the five South American dioceses of the Anglican Church into the new province of the southern zone.

London trial for clamps on cars

By John Witherow

Wheel clamps will start being locked on to illegally parked cars in parts of central London from next Monday.

Motorists who find the fearsome device attached to their cars will have to go to the Hyde Park car pound and pay £19.50 in addition to a £10 parking fine. A notice in the windscreen will warn them not to attempt to drive off. It also provides a map and directions to the pound.

When the fine has been paid a mobile crew will be alerted by radio. They will remove the clamp from the car.

The Metropolitan Police experiment, which is backed by the Greater London Council and the London Boroughs Association, will take place in Westminster, south of the Marylebone Road and north of Buckingham Palace Road, Victoria Street, Whitehall, the Strand and central areas of Kensington and Chelsea between Kensington High Street and the King's Road.

School blast

Doctors at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, in Sheffield, saved the sight of Timothy Pass, aged 15, who was injured when a device exploded in the playground of Silverdale comprehensive school yesterday. Two youths were interviewed by police.

Jobs created

Microdata, the American-owned minicomputer manufacturer, is to invest £10m, mostly at its research and manufacturing centre in Hemel Hempstead, which yesterday changed its name from the Computer Machinery Company. About 300 jobs will be created.

Train derailed

A Manchester to Sheffield train was derailed in a two-mile tunnel near Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, on Wednesday night when the last carriage left the rails. No one was injured.

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Town's offer to Mencap

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The controversy over a holiday hotel for the mentally handicapped in the Devon seaside resort of Teignmouth may be resolved soon.

The town council, which at one stage told Mencap, Britain's leading organization for the mentally handicapped, to stay out of the dispute, has now offered office space to the holiday liaison officer Mencap is about to appoint.

In addition, Teignmouth's

mayor has invited Mr Paul Bourge, the owner of the Royal Hotel, which is the centre of the controversy, to meet him.

Mr Brian Rix, the secretary general of Mencap, was cautious yesterday when asked whether conciliatory moves meant that the controversy was at an end. He said, however, that the adverse publicity about the stand taken by Teignmouth council and local traders had led to a change of heart.

Sister pleads case of sick dissident

By David Nicholson-Lord

The Government has been asked to intervene in the case of a Russian dissident accused of "hereditary schizophrenia" after following his father and grandfather into arrest and imprisonment.

Friends of Rostislav Evdomikov, aged 32, a poet and writer, who is weakened by a severe kidney disorder, fear for his life after he was sentenced to stay in a mental hospital for three months and three years' internal exile on agitation charges.

His grandfather died in a Stalinist labour camp in 1937 and his father died in 1979 after eight years in a psychiatric prison.

Fourteen MPs, led by Mr David Atkinson, the Conservative member for Bournemouth, East, have signed a Commons motion urging the Government to raise his case, and that of Mr Valery Senderov, another im-

prisoned dissident, at the European security conference at Madrid.

His sister, Miss Svetlana Evdomikova, also met Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, this week.

Miss Evdomikova, who was allowed to emigrate to the United States last year, is visiting Britain to campaign for her brother. Yesterday she described her feelings of deep bitterness and despair at seeing the third generation of her family facing death at the hands of the Soviet regime.

The charge of "hereditary schizophrenia" is thought to be unique in the campaign against dissidents. It was levelled against Mr Evdomikov, with membership of opposition organizations and the free trade union, SMOT, after his lengthy campaign for his father's release

and later accusations of "medical murder".

Mr Evdomikov was placed after his arrest last year in the Serbsky Psychiatric Institute, Moscow, where for a month he was not allowed to wash or exercise. Doctors there pronounced him sane before his trial.

Mr Evdomikov was also accused of contacts with foreigners, including a meeting in 1980 with Mr Atkinson, who was compiling a report on freedom of assembly for the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. His supporters argue that the Russian charges are clear violations of the Helsinki agreement on human rights.

Miss Evdomikova has given evidence to a Congressional committee which has petitioned Mr Andropov, the Soviet leader, for her brother's release.

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ELECTION JUNE 83 Political reform Three-pronged approach for jobs Benefits overhaul

Alliance calls a halt to confrontation on politics in manifesto pledge

The general election will be seen as a watershed in British politics. It may be recalled as the fateful day when depression became hopelessness and the slide of the post-war years accelerated into the depths of decline.

Alternatively, it may be remembered as the turning point when the people of this country, at the eleventh hour, decided to turn their backs on dogma and bitterness and chose a new road of partnership and progress.

It is to offer real hope of a fresh start for Britain that the Alliance between our two parties has been created. What we have done is unique in the history of British parliamentary democracy.



Mr Gavin Grant and Miss Fiona Mackintosh checking Liberal Party posters yesterday. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

make a start on many reforms which will help disabled people. These will include the extension of the invalid care allowance and full rights under the non-contributory invalidity pension to married women and the abolition of the age limit on the mobility allowance.

Education and Training We will develop a broader bridge between school and work, including more part-time schooling, and more work experience and better technical education for all pupils.

abolition of domestic rates and reducing local government's dependence on central grant, by introducing a local income tax. We propose to reform the powers and composition of the House of Lords, which must include a significant elected element representative of the nations and regions of Britain.

Individual rights A new Bill of Rights. It is amazing that our citizens have so frequently had to go to the European court to have basic rights enforced. We shall incorporate the rights and freedoms of the European Convention on Human Rights into English, Scottish and Northern Ireland law by means of a new Bill of Rights Act which will be paramount over all inconsistent statutes and common law.

We shall legislate for public access to official information. We support state financing of political parties. Trade union members must have the right to "contract-in" on the political levy and to determine their own party political affiliation by secret postal ballot.

We seek a specific mandate from the electorate in support of an incomes policy

through the distribution of shares which are not immediately marketable. The nationalized industries will be subject to similar restrictions on excessive wage settlements; and will not be permitted to evade the consequences of excess wage settlements and counter-inflation tax payments simply by raising prices.

In the long term we plan a complete integration of the tax and benefit systems

private builders to provide houses to rent and low cost house ownership opportunities on the same terms. Changing council allocation and transfer procedures to give tenants far more choice about where they live.

Scottish devolution will provide a framework for decentralization to regions in England and Wales

The introduction of proportional representation is the linchpin of our entire programme of radical reform. Aims of the political parties of the Liberal Party and the SDP recognize that our economic crisis is rooted in our political system.

Animal welfare a key issue, survey shows

Election candidates got a warning yesterday that the animal welfare issue could have a significant effect on the vote. A survey by National Opinion Polls (NOP) carried out for the General Election Co-ordinating Committee for Animal Protection, found that a 3.5 per cent swing by the electorate on animal rights issues could change the outcome of the election.

When the candidates' fight for seats is a family affair



Mr Wedgwood Benn and Hilary: Fighting marginals.



Mr Winterton and Ann: Favourites to win.



Mrs Sally Oppenheim: Former Consumer Affairs Minister, should have little trouble holding on to Gloucester which she has represented for 13 years, but her son Philip faces an uphill struggle in the newly formed constituency of Amber Valley in mid-Derbyshire.



Mr Peter Bottomley and his wife Virginia look set to have their domestic routine disturbed if their parliamentary ambitions are fulfilled. While he is fighting the new seat of Eitham in south London, similar to Woolwich, West, which he has held since 1975, Mrs Bottomley is contesting the Isle of Wight, now held by the Liberals with a wafer-thin majority.



Mrs Oppenheim and Phillip: Contrasting prospects.

The general election is the biggest family affair for years, with husbands and wives, fathers and sons and related duos from all the main parties standing for Parliament (Richard Evans writes).

The Conservative Party is providing the largest number of related couples as candidates, so unwittingly backing up Mrs Thatcher's strong belief in "the family".

who is standing in the neighbouring constituency of Congleton. Mrs Sally Oppenheim, the former Consumer Affairs Minister, should have little trouble holding on to Gloucester which she has represented for 13 years, but her son Philip faces an uphill struggle in the newly formed constituency of Amber Valley in mid-Derbyshire.

A trio of Tory candidates will not be short of fatherly advice, should they need it. Mr Francis Mande is standing in North Warwickshire while his father, Sir Angus

Mande, is retiring from politics after being an MP for 30 years. Mr Nicholas Soames, son of Lord Soames, is contesting Crawley, while Mr Maurice Macmillan, son of the former Tory Prime Minister and an MP since 1966, is fighting south-west Surrey.

But the Labour Party is providing the best known duo, with Mr Wedgwood Benn and his son Hilary seeking election to the Commons, both in supposedly marginal seats.

The election is proving that families are not bound by one political creed. Mr William Goodhart, brother of the Conservative MP, Mr Philip Goodhart, is standing for the SDP, as is wife Celia.

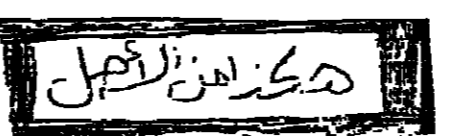
Favourites to get elected to Westminster are Mr Nicholas Winterton, MP, for the safe seat of Macclesfield since 1971, and his wife Ann,

local party in Birmingham, Ladywood. Another husband and wife team are standing for the Liberals, with Christina Forrest fighting Croydon, South and her husband James contesting a Kent seat.

Mr Alfred Morris and his brother Charles have been Manchester MPs since the early 1960s, but after the boundary changes Charles lost his seat and has so far failed to secure selection elsewhere.

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ELECTION JUNE 83 Advertising pace quickens Ecology targets Sports campaign

Poster battle by Tories as Labour uses radio and Alliance hires lorries

By Torin Douglas

The advertising battle between the parties will begin on Sunday...

"We should see the first posters going up on Sunday and the remainder in the early part of next week..."

The main Labour and Alliance poster campaigns are unlikely to begin until Monday week...

Bass yesterday wrote to the three main parties offering each access to 50 of its long-term sites...

While the Conservatives seem certain to get their campaign off the ground first, other parties have secret new weapons in their media armoury...

"We are planning to use Radio Luxembourg to reach young voters, who are hard to reach through newspapers..."

Johnny Wright, of Wright and Partners, said "Political parties are not allowed to advertise on the Independent Broadcasting Authority television and radio stations but Radio Luxembourg is separate..."

Mr Timothy Bradshaw, Radio Luxembourg's sales and marketing director has approached all three main parties offering them air time...

The advertisement breaks will not be permitted around news bulletins or in the half-hour political programmes...

Mr Lawson said the Conservatives are unlikely to use Radio Luxembourg because we think we shall be getting sufficient media coverage without it...

For the Alliance, Gold Greenlees Trott will be using posters, as it did for the local elections, when it featured the leaders of the two main parties in gas masks and other unflattering guises...

"That campaign was hitting out at adversarial politics, as practised by the other two parties, and there is no need to do that during the election because people can see such politics in action..."

To get maximum value from its posters, the agency is planning to hire lorries to go round key areas, carrying the huge posters...

us about our fleet of lorries, in fact there was just one. The main reason we did it was that it is hard to find poster sites in Westminster and Fleet Street, where we wanted them."

Apart from the poster contractors, however, the main beneficiaries from the parties' advertising budgets will be the newspapers. Since television and radio advertising (with the exception of Radio Luxembourg) is prohibited, being replaced by party political broadcasts...

All three parties will be using national and regional newspapers. The Labour Party's target audience in the C12C2 readers, for which it will be using the Daily Mirror, The Sun, the Daily Star and the popular Sunday papers...

"We want to reach the people who have defected and are now wavering," Mr Wright said. The party will be spending three times as much on press advertising as it will on posters...

Wright and Partners is also considering booking the odd page in Time Out and perhaps even the London Alternative Magazine...



"Move along, sonny"

The suddenness of the election cuts two ways. The Conservatives have been quicker off the mark and are better prepared...

The Labour Party between £500,000 and £1m and the Alliance less than £500,000. With only four weeks to go there is a limit to how much the parties can spend...

Hattersley clashes with Day

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Mr Roy Hattersley, leading moderate member of Labour's Shadow Cabinet, was involved in a bad-tempered clash with Sir Robin Day, the BBC interviewer yesterday after he objected that he was being questioned solely on the 10 per cent of the party's manifesto with which he admitted he disagreed.

Mr Hattersley was told to "chuck it" by Sir Robin after he asked the interviewer whether it was because of a wish to damage the Labour Party that he did not want him to comment on the 90 per cent of the manifesto with which it was known he agreed.

The flare-up came after Sir Robin had asked Mr Hattersley on The World at One radio programme whether he agreed with the removal of all nuclear bases and weapons from Britain.

The shadow Home Secretary said he believed that should happen only as a process of mutual negotiation. He went on: "I wonder Sir Robin, since we are talking about the manifesto, if I could persuade you to talk about the 90 per cent with which I agree, or is it dissent that you are looking for?"

Sir Robin said he was looking for comment on policies with which Mr Hattersley had been known to disagree for a long time.

Cash relief demanded for sport

The Central Council of Physical Recreation, the umbrella group campaigning for British sport, yesterday outlined its demands, aimed at all parliamentary candidates, in a 10-point programme to reinject into sport £50m. Most of the money is levied on sporting bodies in tax and local rates.

Mr Peter Lawson, general secretary of the CCPR, said: "The present situation is silly, since the Government makes £30m available in grants for sport, and then £50m is taken back." He added that sports and recreation clubs have 12.5 million members in the country, making them a key lobby group.

Cash relief demands from the CCPR include: immediate relief of the £2m corporation tax paid by governing bodies of sport; a 50 per cent mandatory rate relief to all local sports clubs which voluntarily provide sporting opportunities; immediate introduction of tax relief to encourage sports sponsorship; membership subscriptions for sports clubs.

The next Government should also pledge not to interfere in the autonomy of sport, the group says.

"By that we mean political interference like the Olympic boycott, which involved Mrs Thatcher, and things like South African tours," Mr Lawson said.

Alliance will not get parity in broadcasts

The BBC and the Independent Broadcasting Authority confirmed yesterday that the Conservative and Labour parties would have five party election broadcasts and the SDP/Liberal Alliance would have four. The Alliance had asked to be given equal time with the other two main parties.

The BBC said: "The political parties, having failed last night to agree on the allocation of party election broadcasts, accepted that the broadcasters should allocate air time on their own responsibility. Accordingly, the BBC and the IBA are giving time to the parties in the following proportions:

Television: Conservative and Labour, five 10-minute broadcasts; SDP/Liberal Alliance, four 10-minute broadcasts; Scottish National Party, two 10-minute broadcasts in Scotland; Plaid Cymru, one 10-minute broadcast in Wales."

The broadcasts would be transmitted simultaneously on BBC-1 and independent television at 9pm, and transmitted on Channel 4 and BBC 2 at other times.

On Radio 4, Labour and the Conservatives will be allowed four 10-minute broadcasts and

the Alliance will have three. These will be transmitted at 8.47am.

On Radio 2 the two main parties will have three five-minute spots and the Alliance two, going out at 2.30 pm. The SNP will have two 10-minute broadcasts on Radio Scotland, and Plaid Cymru one 10-minute broadcast on Radio Wales-Cymru.

Mr Alan Beith, the Liberal chief whip said that although the Alliance did not agree with the ratio imposed by the broadcasters, they would accept it. Speaking on the BBC radio programme The World at One, he ruled out court action against the decision, saying that could "unleash a whole flurry of writs and counter-writs"

Transmission dates on BBC Television and radio for party election broadcasts are as follows:

Television: Conservative May 17, 20, 26, 29; Labour May 18, 23, 27, June 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31; SDP May 28; June 6 (BBC Scotland only); Plaid Cymru, June 6 (BBC Wales only).

Ecology Party aims to treble its vote

By David Nicholson-Lord

The Ecology Party is to fight twice as many seats next month as it did in the 1979 general election and will aim for 5 per cent of the vote, more than three times what it obtained last time.

The party plans to field 100 candidates, against 53 in 1979, which was its first general election. It will also be taking part in a potentially controversial link-up with Women for Life on Earth, representing many of the anti-nuclear protesters from Greenham Common.

About 10 joint candidates will be standing, including one in Mrs Margaret Thatcher's constituency of Barnet, Finchley. Ms Simone Wilkinson, Mrs Thatcher's opponent, has been imprisoned for her part in a Greenham Common protest.

"The 5 per cent vote target has symbolic value for the ecologists, who say that it will demonstrate the inequities of the first-past-the-post electoral system if they achieve the target but fail to secure any MPs.

Mr Tony Jones, the Ecology Party's spokesman and a member of its council and election coordinating committee, said that it would be

concentrating less on specific environmental issues and more on the broad areas of employment, peace and disarmament.

The party would be aiming to show that economic growth now meant the shedding of jobs. It would be calling for a range of alternative labour-intensive job creation measures in areas like energy conservation, recycling and organic farming.

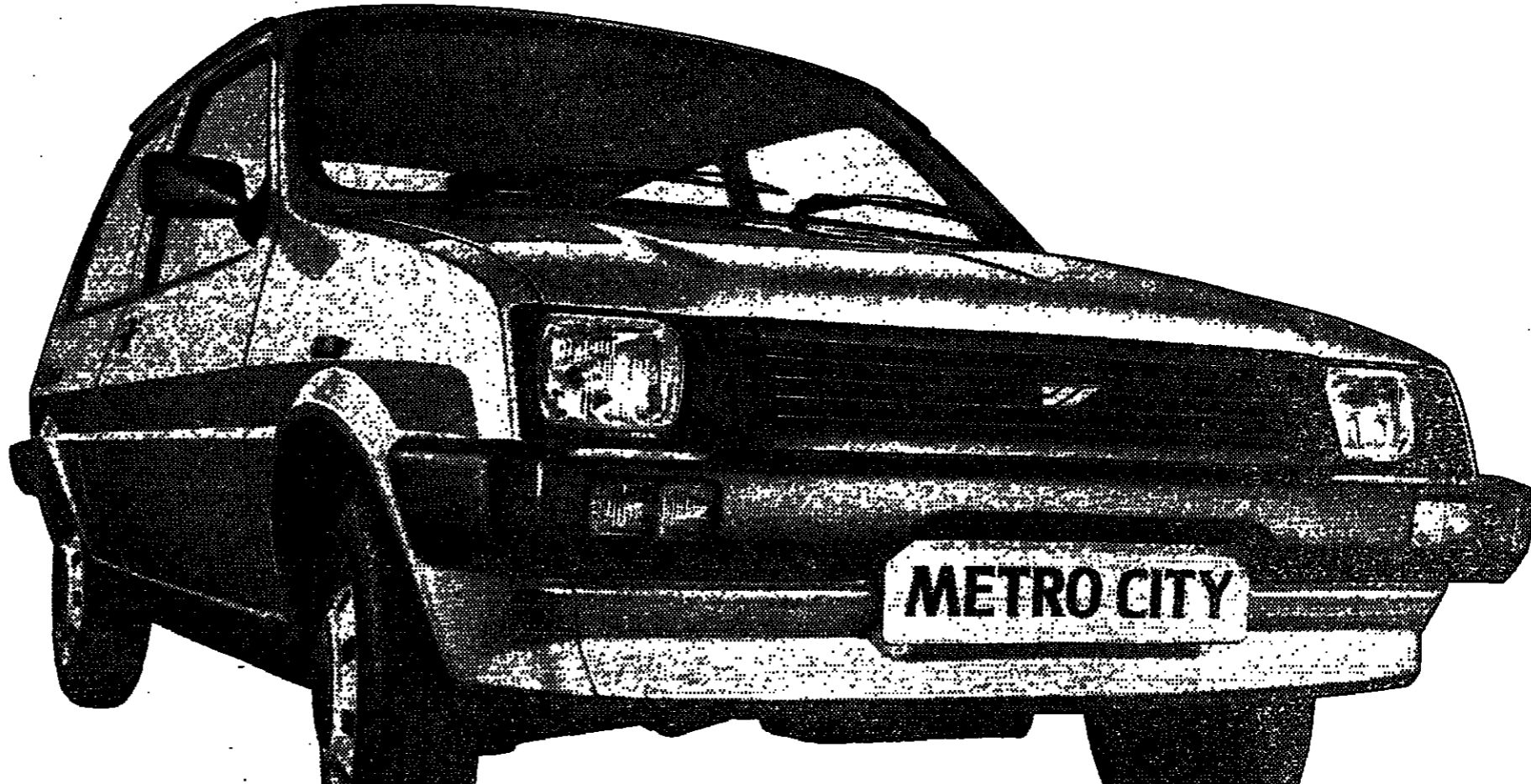
Mr Jones added: "We are appealing to a slightly different kind of self-interest. There is nothing wrong with being idealistic but we are saying to people they should look to the future.

"We are not talking about totally changing life-styles but pointing out there is a positive way forward which can create good work and take us away from the threat of nuclear annihilation."

The party has £15,000 for its campaign nationally but believes the campaign could swell its funds by bringing in an extra 10,000 members to add to its existing 4,500. Mr Jones said that this would provide a springboard for the party to demonstrate that "green politics is not an isolated phenomenon"

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Peace activists get together at East Berlin secret meeting

From Michael Binyon, Berlin

At a secret rendezvous in East Berlin, a dozen Western delegates to an international peace conference in West Berlin have held a meeting with 35 unofficial East German peace campaigners who had been denied exit visas to attend.

The delegates, from America, Western Europe and Japan, trickled across Checkpoint Charlie one by one on tourist visas and brought back a message from their East German colleagues, after the meeting on Wednesday evening, which said that peace in Europe was indivisible from human rights, freedom and self-determination.

The East Germans called for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from all foreign countries, the establishment of nuclear-free zones in East and West, the creation of democratic social structures throughout Europe, and freedom of religion and assembly.

They also demanded an end to injustices inside each country and all suppression of peoples by their governments.

The group concluded: "We greatly regret that the credibility of peace proposals of the Soviet Union and the German Democratic Republic is undermined by their refusal to allow us to take part in the open dialogue of your conference."

The organizers of the second European Nuclear Disarmament Convention, which began plenary sessions yesterday and goes on until Saturday, also received messages of support from an unofficial peace group in Moscow and from the Charter 77 human rights group in Czechoslovakia.

Altogether 3,000 people representing 400 groups have arrived here to plan and organize non-violent ways of preventing the deployment of new Nato missiles in Europe, as well as discussing the economic costs of the arms race and breaking East-West confrontation, the maintenance of detente and general disarmament.

Representatives of the Greenham Common women attracted considerable attention. Calling for support from all European peace movements, they announced they will fight the

British general election, putting up candidates against Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, Mr Denis Healey, the Labour Party's deputy leader, and other Labour politicians, they said did not hold to the party's disarmament policies.

They also announced a peace march from Scotland to Greenham Common starting on May 19 and a women's strike on May 24, when all women working in firms involved in the preparation of silos and cruise missile sites would stop work.

Women from Cosimo, in Sicily, also spoke of crises they have forged with the Greenham Common women.

The women insisted they would never resort to violent opposition, although they said police has become increasingly aggressive and disruptive. But we are still there. Please visit us. We may be evicted any day.

Non-violence, one woman told a press conference, was more than just blocking bases, it was a slow process of unlearning habits learnt from society, and has wide political and social implications for the women's movement.

A main theme that ran through the first three days of expert hearings was whether the peace campaigners should couple human rights with the peace issue, or whether the peace movements should concentrate on what they saw as the immediate threat - the new Nato missiles.

Several prominent campaigners and politicians have taken part in the conference. Mr Michael Foot, the Labour party leader sent a message of support. Mr Bruce Kent, the chairman of CND, arrived on Wednesday afternoon, and Herr Egon Bahr, the West German Social Democratic Party defence expert, took part in some of the hearings.

Herr Oskar Lafontaine, the mayor of Saarbrücken and a leading left-wing Social Democratic critic of the Nato decision, said his party should propose a nuclear freeze as soon as possible and not wait for the American Congress to act.

Echoes of Chicago in Philadelphia contest

The Rizzo razzmatazz makes Goode look even better

From Nicholas Ashford Philadelphia

"Ladies and gentlemen, let's give a big hand to Philadelphia's favourite son, Frank L. Rizzo", the compere barked into a microphone. His voice was almost drowned by the cheers of the Rizzo supporters as they had arrived in a blaze of television lights.

It was like a scene from *The Godfather*. Seven hundred and fifty people had packed into Palumbo's restaurant and nightclub in the heart of Philadelphia's Italian quarter, where they were paying \$100 (£63) a plate to support their candidate's campaign for Tuesday's Democratic mayoral primary.

Large men in shiny suits and even shinier shoes sweated under the arc lamps as Mr Rizzo, a former police commissioner and twice mayor of America's fourth-largest city, vowed to restore strong leadership to Philadelphia. "Rizzo makes me proud of my heritage", said a man who gave his name as Champagne Charlie. "He has a heart as big as his body."

A couple of miles away Mr Rizzo's main opponent, Mr Wilson Goode, the city's black former senior manager, had just attended a less rambunctious meeting at the Academy of Music, where a group of "Bankers for Goode" had gathered to hear him explain how he intended to run the city "like a \$1.4 billion corporation with 1.6 million stockholders."

There were no television lights, only a handful of



Campaign flavour: Mr Wilson Goode taking a bite out of a pretzel while canvassing for support in a business area.

reporters, and the applause was politely restrained. Mr Goode spoke earnestly about the need to expand Philadelphia's tax base and to stem the flow of money and people from the city.

Mr Rizzo and Mr Goode are the two leading candidates in a six-way race for the Democratic nomination. The four others, who include a pretzel maker and a right-wing extremist, are expected to pick up only a handful of votes.

The racial character of this contest has led to comparisons with Chicago, where Mr Harold Washington was elected recently as its first black mayor. If Mr Goode wins next Tuesday - and opinion polls suggest that he should do so easily - he will stand a strong chance of becoming Philadelphia's first black chief executive when the mayoral election takes place in the autumn.

There clearly are some

similarities between the two contests. For instance, blacks in Philadelphia make up about 40 per cent of registered Democratic voters, the same proportion as in Chicago.

In both cities there has recently been a huge increase in registration of blacks: almost 100,000 in the case of Philadelphia. Mr Goode knows that, like Mr Washington, he needs a massive black turnout if he is to win.

But at this point the

similarities end, and officials for both candidates have grown tired of repeating that Philadelphia is not Chicago. For a start there has been none of the overt race-baiting during the campaign that there was in Chicago.

During this campaign Mr Rizzo, who was renowned for his combative style and big mouth, has been deliberately restrained. One of his few controversial remarks was to describe Mr Washington as Al Capone, a reference to the Chicago mayor's term in prison for tax evasion.

Mr Goode has also been careful to avoid making race an issue. Whereas Mr Washington campaigned on the theme "now it's our turn", Mr Goode has been busily building up support among liberal middle-class whites.

Unlike Chicago, where neither Mr Washington nor his Republican opponent had much experience in city government, both Mr Rizzo and Mr Goode have solid records on which they can be judged.

Mr Rizzo, aged 62, a self-made man and an old-style city boss, has tried to convey the impression that Philadelphia was in better fiscal and social condition when he was in charge. He has blamed Mr Goode, as the city's top appointed official for the past three years, for the deficit of more than \$100m.

However, many Philadelphians have less happy memories of Mr Rizzo's years in office. "There was a lot of tension in the city then, a sense of chaos," according to

Mr Larry Eichel, the political correspondent of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Mr Rizzo, aged 62, became known for his outrageous remarks. For example he pledged to run a law-and-order administration that would make "Attila the Hun look like a faggot". Many also recall - aided by Mr Goode's television commercial - that he failed a lie detector test and that he called for 15,000 federal troops to guard the city's streets during the 1976 bicentennial celebrations.

Mr Rizzo has been trying a new image, toning down his rhetoric, courting black voters and even granting an interview to a gay newspaper.

His opponents, however, do not seem convinced that he has really changed, while his supporters seem disappointed that some of the fire has gone out of his belly.

Mr Goode, aged 44, is the complete antithesis of Mr Rizzo. The son of a sharecropper, he is a college graduate and an experienced city manager. He wears three-piece suits and a dour expression and speaks in a bland, unexpressive way.

He has a reputation for hard work and never being late for a meeting. He appears almost boring, which is perhaps one of his strongest assets, as this makes him non-threatening to whites. Unlike Mr Washington, Mr Goode has no skeletons hiding in any of his cupboards.

Kenya fury against a 'traitor'

From Charles Harrison Nairobi

Kenya has been treated to a flood of emotional statements condemning an unnamed "traitor" and any country supporting him. The campaign began after President Daniel arap Moi's claims last weekend that some foreign countries were grooming another Kenyan to take over the presidency.

The issue has dominated the front pages of the newspapers here throughout the week, and the term "traitor" is being applied to the unidentified subject of President Moi's anger.

Mr Francis Mutwol, parliamentary secretary of the ruling Kenya African National Union (KANU) party, says the "traitor" is a minister who has made many trips abroad and has property and money outside Kenya.

Other statements have demanded that Kenya close the mission of the unnamed country said to be supporting a change of president.

President Moi has called for support for his Vice-President, Mr Mwai Kibaki, who has issued a strongly-worded declaration of loyalty. Mr Kibaki added: "We challenge the foreign powers and their Kenyan traitors to fight it out openly."

But despite many calls for the "traitor" to be identified, nobody has named a name, or identified the foreign power which is alleged to have decided to groom him for the presidency.

TV ban on Greek opposition

From Mario Modiano Athens

The Greek Government rejected an opposition request for television time on the ground that its opponents were abusing the facility so as to put across a scare campaign that divided the nation.

Greek radio and television are controlled by the Government, but when the Socialists came to power 19 months ago, they declared that, unlike their Conservative predecessors, they would give the opposition a chance to air its views whenever it wished.

Mr Evangelos Averoff, the leader of the conservative New Democracy, the main opposition party, denounced the Government on Wednesday night for turning down his request for a 15-minute talk on television, without the courtesy of an explanation. He said this showed how scared the Government was of criticism that it was muzzling the opposition, and causing democracy grave harm.

A Government spokesman said Mr Averoff's words were in fact an indictment of his own party which had imposed a virtual monopoly on state media between 1974 and 1981. Mr Averoff had in office, the last one eight weeks ago.

Mr Averoff's address was published in the Greek newspapers instead. In it he accused the Government of mismanaging the economy, ruining business confidence, causing widespread unemployment and forcing the reluctant country gradually towards a "collectivist economy".

Judge told to release De Lorean evidence

From Christopher Thomas, New York

A federal appeals court in Los Angeles has ordered the release of court documents relating to the forthcoming trial of Mr John De Lorean on cocaine charges, a move that was hailed by newspapers as significant step for press freedom.

It is rare for American judges in criminal cases to prevent journalists seeing court documents, even if they are not presented or read out in open court. But in the De Lorean case District Judge Robert Takasugi sealed an extensive number of documents on the grounds that their release might prejudice the chances of a fair trial.

The *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* and the *Associated Press* filed an emergency petition against the judge's ruling. Lawyers on both sides have been given until today by the appeals court to argue why certain of the documents should still remain closed.

The appeals court said the sealing of documents from public scrutiny was unconstitutional. It ordered Judge Takasugi to release all of them today unless he receives motions from prosecuting or defence lawyers relating to specific, sensitive documents.

He was issued with precise guidelines on how he must rule "document by document" on anything that is kept sealed.

The appeals court said that the document that persuaded Judge Takasugi to impose the secrecy order - A prosecution allegation that Mr De Lorean had ties with the Irish Republican Army - was "insufficient cause... for the imposition of a blanket order".

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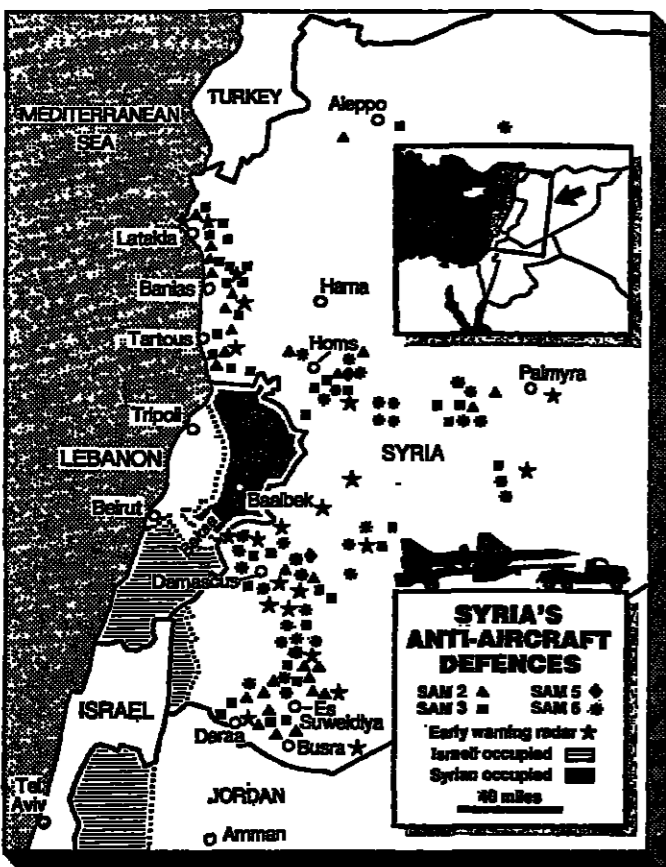
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The Middle East balance of power

Syria installs 230-mile air defence system with Russian missiles

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Soviet military advisers and Syrian Air Force personnel have completed a sophisticated anti-aircraft missile defence system - a 230-mile long missile "trap" to destroy any surprise Israeli attack on Syria.



All the sites are locked into a system of 30 early warning stations that spread more than half way across Syria towards Iraq. Most of the missile batteries can be identified on American satellite photographs available to the Israelis.

Spain gives support to Palestinians

From Richard Wigg Madrid

King Juan Carlos has expressed Spain's firm support for the Palestinian people's right to an "internationally recognized existence" and for new regional collaboration efforts by Algeria and Morocco.

Last obstacle to pact on Lebanon removed

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The final hurdle preventing the signing of the American-negotiated troop withdrawal agreement between Israel and Lebanon was overcome yesterday when the Israeli Government declared itself satisfied with last-minute clarifications it had sought in the text from the Lebanese.



Flames of dissent: Helmeted rioters setting fire to a barricade in the Latin Quarter of Paris.

Mauroy warns students after fresh riots

From Diana Geddes, Paris

After a week of violent clashes between students and police throughout France, M Pierre Mauroy, the Prime Minister, warned students yesterday against allowing their demands to be exploited by extreme right-wing groups seeking to bring chaos to the Universities and violence to the streets.

Salvadorean killers issue threat

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

San Salvador (NYT) - In El Salvador death threats often come by telephone. One night last week the message was more direct. The body of a young man had apparently been strangled and then shot in the head was found in a hotel car park, with a warning for a salvadorean politician.

Botha presses on regardless

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, promised yesterday that his Government would press ahead with its controversial constitutional reforms despite the by-election results, which suggest that he may no longer have the support of a majority of the all white electorate.

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Galtieri throws spanner in Army's legal works

From Andrew Thompson Buenos Aires

General Leopoldo Galtieri, the former Argentine President now serving a 45-day prison sentence, has questioned the authority of an Army court of honour set up to judge his conduct, according to informed sources.

Chapman case going to Court of Human Rights

From Mario Medina Athens

The controversial case of Alan Chapman, the London journalist murdered in Athens in 1971, will be taken to the European Court of Human Rights jointly by Nikos Moutzias, the man serving a life sentence for her death, and Mr Edward Chapman, the victim's father, who has questioned Mr Moutzias's guilt.

Reagan's MX plans set for Congress approval

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The political tide now seems to be running in favour of the Reagan Administration's plan to deploy 100 of the new controversial MX intercontinental ballistic missiles in existing Minuteman silos, starting in 1986.

China hit by killer hailstorms

Peking (Reuters) - Huge hailstones, tornadoes and torrential rain have battered central China in the past two weeks, killing at least 339 people and injuring thousands.

Two killed in Chile protest

Santiago (AFP) - Two people died, at least 10 were injured and 350 were arrested in violent civil protests organized by the copper miners' union.

Two injured in BA jumbo fire

Johannesburg (Reuters) - Two passengers were injured when more than 200 people used emergency chutes to evacuate a British Airways airliner after an engine caught fire at Jan Smuts Airport.

Joggers told: Don't overdo it

Moscow (AP) - Joggers have been warned not to run too hard too early in the day. The newspaper Sovetskoye zornitsa said that jogging often got a bad reputation because newcomers overdid it and suffered heart ailments as a result.

Statue angers Marley fans

Kingston (AP) - Jamaican police had to remove a 9ft statue of Bob Marley, the reggae singer, and music fans had pelted it with stones and fruit.

Clergy beaten

Accra (Reuters) - Several Methodist Clergymen in Ghana have been beaten up by demonstrators backing the Government's controversial 1983 budget.

Shame list

Manila (Reuters) - Philippines tax dodgers will have their names put on town hall notice boards as part of a drive to stop income tax evasion.

Britons expelled

Bahrain (Reuters) - An American agricultural engineer said on arrival here that he and four other foreigners who had been members of a Christian group in Riyadh, were expelled this week from Saudi Arabia.

Boxer guilty

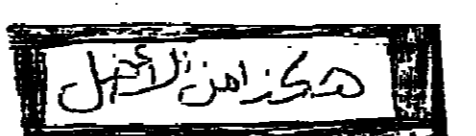
Florence (AP) - Tiberio Mirti, the former world middleweight boxing contender, was convicted of possession and sentenced to 16 months in prison.

Street battle

Bochum, West Germany (Reuters) - Six police were injured and three demonstrators detained after street clashes outside a congress of the West German neo-fascist National Democratic Party.

Missile attack

Tehran (Reuters) - Iran said that at least 10 people were killed and 105 injured in an Iraqi missile attack on the western town of Andimeshk, close to the scene of some of the fiercest fighting in the Gulf war.



Kreisky's successor

Moderate takes over in Austria

By Our Foreign Staff

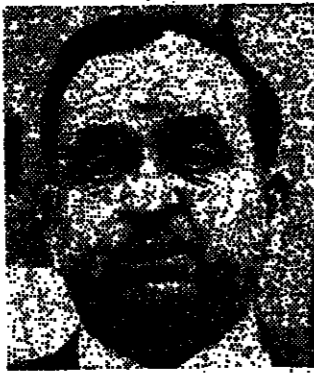
Austria is to have its first coalition government in 13 years after Socialist and right-wing Liberal Freedom Party negotiators agreed on a compromise programme likely to include modified tax rises.

The coalition, agreed at a fourth round of talks on Wednesday, will be led by Dr Fred Sinowatz, aged 54, now the Socialist Vice-Chancellor.

The Chancellor, Dr Bruno Kreisky, who has headed the Government since 1970, said he would stand down after the Socialist Party lost its absolute majority last month in the general elections for the 183-member National Assembly.

The Socialists, with 90 seats and the Freedom Party with 12 will have a 21-seat majority in the assembly. Both parties will now be asked to approve the coalition and Socialists will hold a special party congress next Tuesday.

Herr Heinz Fischer the Socialist leader in the assembly, told reporters after the talks that both sides had made concessions, with the Socialists amending personal taxation plans.



Dr Sinowatz: modest successor.

expected to include a rise in value-added tax from 18 to 20 per cent and a 20 per cent tax on interest from anonymous savings accounts.

The outgoing Chancellor, Dr Kreisky will next week begin formalities for setting up a new government by calling on President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger. Dr Sinowatz is expected to present his government programme to Parliament on May 31.

Herr Norbert Steger, aged 39, the Freedom Party leader, who is expected to become vice-

chancellor, described this agreement as a "sound compromise".

The Freedom Party will have three ministries in the new government - Justice, Defence and economic ministry. The parties will discuss nominees for the posts within the next few days.

Herr Heinz Fischer the Socialist Party spokesman said the agreement ensured that the Socialist goal of full employment would remain the new Government's key economic aim. There would be no change in Austria's foreign policy.

Herr Alois Mock, leader of the opposition Peoples Party which has 81 seats in parliament, called the pact "a coalition of losers" which would follow a Socialist policy of waste, debt and new taxation that a majority of votes had clearly rejected.

Dr Sinowatz, aged 54, is an immensely popular figure, due to the fact that he is very much a man of the people and a Socialist who believes in and practises the Austrian tradition of consensus politics.

Dr Sinowatz was born in 1929 in a working-class family

at Neufeld-Leitha, in Austria's eastern province of Burgenland. His parents belonged to Burgenland's Croat minority and he grew up speaking Croatian as well as German.

After graduating in history from Vienna University in 1953, he became active in the Socialist Party in Burgenland, entering the provincial assembly as party secretary in 1961. He was a member of the Burgenland provincial government from 1966 to 1971, when he first entered national politics as Minister for Education and the Arts, a position he has held ever since.

He was appointed Vice-Chancellor in succession to Dr Hannes Androsch.

Dr Sinowatz, a Freemason, is also known for his pro-Jewish sympathies and has been decorated by Vienna's Jewish community.

Short, portly and soft-spoken, Dr Sinowatz accepted his advancement modestly. Asked how he felt about succeeding Dr Kreisky, he said he would not try to copy him. "I shall always seek advice from him. But I shall always remain Fred Sinowatz," he said.

Commission to look into Australia's security

From Tony Daboussin Melbourne

A royal commission is to inquire into Australia's security organizations, the second within ten years, which will include an examination of the relationship between Mr Valery Ivanov, the Russian diplomat expelled from Australia last month, and Mr David Combe, the former national secretary of the Australian Labour Party.

Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, announcing this in the Federal Parliament yesterday, said that it would be headed by Mr Justice Hope, who conducted a previous inquiry into security organizations in 1977.

The Prime Minister said that the commission would be asked to report on the circumstances surrounding the expulsion of Mr Ivanov. Mr Combe's involvement in that issue and the actions of the Government in the matter. Later he told a news conference that because of his close association with Mr Combe the matter had "hurt him deeply".

The Cabinet has not yet ratified the decision and will not meet until Monday. The Prime Minister made it plain that the decision was his alone.

"I am making it clear that I am responsible for the decision and I believe that the Cabinet, when it considers the matter on Monday, in the terms of the understanding I have at this stage, the position that I have put will be adopted by the Cabinet", he said.

Mr Combe said yesterday that there had been nothing improper in his relations with any member of the Soviet Embassy and in his opinion his relations had not given rise to any risk to Australian security as suggested by Mr Hawke in Parliament on Wednesday.

The announcement of a royal commission came after a morning of turmoil in the House of Representatives in Canberra with Mr Doug Anthony, the leader of the National Party, accusing the Government of a "massive breach" of civil liberties and a denial of rights to a citizen of Australia. He demanded a judicial inquiry into the Ivanov-Combe affair.

The royal commission will concentrate on the largest and most controversial of the security organizations, the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) as well as a full investigation into the Federal Government's ban on ministers associating with Mr Combe, now a lobbyist in Canberra.



Protecting the past

Priscilla Presley, wife of the late Elvis Presley, with Ginger Rogers at a Californian state Senate judicial committee hearing in Sacramento.

They were testifying in support of a Bill promoted by Senator William Campbell (seen with them) to prohibit the use of a

name or a likeness of a deceased celebrity without the approval of the heirs, Christopher Thomas writes.

The measure was approved by the committee and sent to the state Senate, where it is expected to receive unanimous support.

When Communists disagree

Warsaw weekly's rebuff for Moscow

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Behind-the-scenes infighting between Moscow and a group of influential Polish Communists has left the party cloisters and came out into the open with a forcefully argued article in the latest issue of the weekly *Polityka*.

Polityka is Poland's leading political weekly, formerly edited by Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the Deputy Prime Minister, and is at the very heart of the part of the Polish establishment which favours economic reform and mild political liberalization.

It thus came as a shock to the Polish leadership when the Soviet foreign affairs journal *New Times* published a particularly virulent attack on *Polityka* and a number of its reform-minded contributors. Was this an attack on General Jaruzelski's reform programme, or merely a mild corrective to the liberal Marxists in the party?

Polityka's reply to the Soviet attack hedges its bets and defends itself by declaring that the Moscow journal had distorted the words and sentiments of its writers.

"Its author, Andrey Ryzov, in an unprecedented tone has

criticized the line of our weekly against the background of the current situation in Poland and the numerous political and ideological dangers which arise from it." The article says: "Because the fragments quoted by Ryzov do not always, in our opinion, accord with what *Polityka* authors really wrote, we now take the liberty of full quotations as they were actually published by *Polityka*."

The rest of the newspaper makes it clear, with political nudges and winks, that it intends to stick to its line and is completely loyal to General Jaruzelski. An interview with Mr Rakowski is published, as is almost a complete page of quotations from General Jaruzelski.

An article by Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, says that the line of development after martial law was declared "has the support of all our allies who are learning to look at our difficulties and uniqueness with patience and understanding".

According to informed sources, the issue was discussed

at a session of the Communist Party leadership which gave the go-ahead to publication and also allowed news-stands to start selling the edition of the *New Times*.

As it happened, *Polityka* did not go on sale yesterday as usual but this was blamed on "distribution problems" and kiosk vendors pronounced it would be available by the afternoon.

The high-level interest shows the sensitivity of the subject

Polityka demonstrates how its writers have been misquoted by matching quotation with quotation. The Soviet journal says that Mr Toeplitz for example, wrote "Poland should once and forever be declared a pluralistic country," a concept anathema to Soviet philosophy. But what Mr Toeplitz actually wrote is that Poland "is a pluralistic country, in which the pluralism is based on the reality of the socialist system."

Polityka's reply, relatively gentle, is thus couched in the manner of "putting the record straight," an approach that is designed to cause least offence

Wajda can still work in Poland

From Our Own Correspondent Warsaw

Andrzej Wajda, one of Eastern Europe's most outstanding film directors, was yesterday assured by the Polish Cultural Ministry that he can continue to work in Poland.

But the Government is sticking to its decision to remove him as a studio head, saying that he failed to show the indispensable cooperation required by the authorities.

Mr Wajda is the latest victim of a campaign to ensure that creative unions and associations can never again become a bastion of support for solidarity, to sever the links between the discontented artist and the discontented worker. The result has been a groundswell of discontent in Warsaw's non-Communist intellectual circles.

To activists in the journalists' and actors' unions - now banned - and the artists, film makers and writers unions, it seems perilously close to reality.

The scope for creative activity within unions which have to swear loyalty to the socialist system appears, to many, to be severely limited.

Hu sees Russian policy in Asia as big obstacle

From Desza Trevisan, Belgrade

Mr Hu Yaobang, China's party leader, reaffirmed yesterday that his country wished to normalize relations with the Soviet Union, but said that there were still serious obstacles to be overcome before genuine results could be achieved.

Mr Hu, speaking at a press conference here after visiting Romania, said the obstacles endangered the sovereignty and security of China. Normalization was of fundamental interest to both countries and to the world at large, but must be genuine and "not a sham that would confuse public opinion."

Mickey Mouse goes gunning for the pirates

From Richard Hughes Hongkong

Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck are taking legal action through Walt Disney productions against nine Hongkong companies accused of copyright infringement by using them as trademarks for Hongkong products.

The Walt Disney Corporation is claiming damages for infringement or a share of the profits made by three watch manufacturing firms, two knitting factories, a shoe company, a store, an industrial company and a photographic supply firm.

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 Jennifer: "And ex-factory sales?"
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Apple: "51%. 27% over target."
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Convolted penalty point law deplored

Regina v Kent (Peter)
Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Leonard
[Judgment delivered May 12]

When giving guidance on sentences involving penalty points for driving offences, introduced by section 19 of the Transport Act 1981, which came into force on November 1 last, the Lord Chief Justice expressed the Court of Appeal's sympathy with courts which had to grapple with the "convolted legislation".

"It would be very surprising" his Lordship said, "if judges did not make mistakes in this branch of their work. Those responsible for the legislation have done nothing to prevent it."

His Lordship instanced three common offences in which consideration had to be given to three statutes between 1968 and 1981, four sections and three schedules, and added: "May we ask respectfully that draftsmen in future give more consideration to those who have to administer this type of provision?"

Michael Peter Kent, aged 39, succeeded in an appeal against 12 months' disqualification and the order for endorsement on his licence of a total of 30 penalty points for offences of taking a vehicle without consent (eight points), driving while disqualified (six) and driving without insurance (six), after pleas of guilty at Knightsbridge Crown Court (Judge Friend), who sentenced him also to 18 months' imprisonment for burglary and the driving offences.

The court on appeal against disqualification and endorsement confirmed the disqualification and quashed the endorsement of penalty points. Mr Ayoob, Queen's Counsel, appeared for the appellant; Miss Judith Rowe for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that he took three relevant offences all three of which would be likely to have been committed: taking and driving a vehicle without consent of the owner, driving while disqualified and driving uninsured.

As to the first, the statute creating the offence was section 12(1) of the Theft Act 1968, punishment was provided for by section 12(2) of that Act, whether the offence was subject to disqualification or

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irrespective of whether he was disqualified or not - section 10(1) of the 1972 Act as amended by Schedule 9 to the 1981 Act.

3 Penalty points If a court did not disqualify an offender for an offence attracting obligatory or discretionary disqualification, it was bound to endorse his driving licence with penalty points, as set out in Schedule 7 to the 1981 Act, unless there were special reasons for not doing so - section 19(1) of the 1981 Act; conversely, if a court did disqualify from driving, it was not able, on the same occasion, to order penalty points to be endorsed - section 10(1) of the 1972 Act as amended by Schedule 9 to the 1981 Act.

That was a point on which courts had been making mistakes.

If the court's power to disqualify derived solely from section 44 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973, where the vehicle was being used in the commission of the offence, and it decided not to disqualify, it could not order the offender's licence to be endorsed, either generally or with penalty points - section 19(3) of the Act.

As to crown court record sheets: The crown court had been making mistakes resulting in illegal sentences.

Some examples were: (1) ordering consecutive periods of disqualification; (2) disqualifying and ordering penalty points to be endorsed on the licence; the correct result would be disqualification and licence endorsed without reference to penalty points; (3) awarding the incorrect number of penalty points; (4) disqualifying for repeated offences, without allocating the disqualification to a single offence - see section 19(5)(a) of the 1981 Act; (5) ordering penalty points to be endorsed for more than one offence committed on the same occasion - the correct procedure would be to allocate a number of points to the most serious of the offences; (6) failing to disqualify when the points exceeded 12 when there were no mitigating circumstances; (7) failure to state special reasons or mitigating circumstances; (a) when not ordering disqualification less than the minimum; (b) when not ordering endorsement of licence - see section 105 of the 1972 Act.

Further difficulties had arisen, on occasion, by understandable efforts of the court staff who had discovered mistakes.

Their Lordships wished to make three matters clear.

First, the order of the court was that pronounced by the judge in open court.

Second, the responsibility of the court staff was to make a record which accurately reflected that pronouncement.

Third, if the court staff were in doubt as to the pronouncement, the judge had to be consulted - for example, where the staff were not clear what it was that the judge said, or where they thought that the judge's order might be faulty.

In the present case the judge took the view that disqualification was mandatory, whereas the appellant's offences involved discretionary disqualification only, by virtue of section 33 and Schedule 4 to the 1972 Act. He was not liable to touting up.

Also, the judge directed endorsement of the appellant's driving licence with penalty points when he was at the same time imposing disqualification. That was contrary to section 19 of the 1981 Act.

The alternative courses open to their Lordships seemed to be either (1) confirm the disqualification and order that the licence be endorsed with eight points, that being the highest of those attributable to the three offences - eight for taking a vehicle without consent, six for driving disqualified and between four and eight for driving uninsured.

Their Lordships preferred the former course.

A further complication arose in the case because the crown court staff observed the error and they notified Swansea of the disqualification and endorsements but not of the penalty points.

The proper course would have been to inform the judge and to allow him to make the necessary alteration in open court in accordance with his powers under section 47 of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

No minimum benefit in UK pensions

Regina v National Insurance Commissioner, Ex parte Browning
Before Lord Justice Eversleigh, Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord Justice Dillon
[Judgment delivered May 10]

The Court of Appeal held that an insurance officer was entitled to review an award of retirement pension under section 104 of the Social Security Act 1975, so as to comply with a declaration of the United Kingdom Government that no "minimum benefit" was provided for under the legislation of the United Kingdom.

Their Lordships allowed an appeal by the insurance officer Mr Norman Ivor Browning, from a decision of Mr Justice Michael Davies, who had refused his application to quash a decision of the National Insurance Commissioner, Mr J. G. Morrow, that the award made to Mr Robert Stanley should not be revised.

Mr David Latham, for the insurance officer, Mr Richard Denton for Mr Stanley, and LORD JUSTICE EVERSLEIGH said that Mr Stanley, who was aged 75, was a national of Eire. He lived and worked there until 1953, when he came to the United Kingdom where he worked until May 8, 1973, when he attained the pensionable age of 65.

He had made insurance contributions in both countries, with the result that he was entitled to a pension benefit in both.

His UK pension entitlement was governed by the Social Security Act 1975, which had replaced the National Insurance Act 1965.

Article 50 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 provided: "A recipient of a benefit in one of the member states who is entitled to a benefit in another member state shall, if necessary, pay his contributions in his territory a supplement equal to the difference between the total of the benefits payable under this chapter and the amount of the minimum benefit."

That supplement only fell to be considered in assessing a claimant's benefit if the country of residence had a minimum benefit provision.

In the UK a person entitled to a pension was entitled to a flat rate if the relevant year showed average contributions of 50 weekly payments in the year. If the average contributions fell below 50, the entitlement was less than the flat rate.

The lowest average which entitled a claimant to payment was 13

weekly payments per year. Was that what was meant by "minimum benefit"?

In March 1973, in satisfaction of Mr Stanley's retirement, the insurance officer considered his case under the domestic legislation and made an award of pension to him. The EEC Regulation then did not apply to the UK.

On February 1, 1974, after the UK had become a member of the EEC, the officer determined Mr Stanley's case by reference to the Regulation, and made calculations of the benefit accordingly. In Eire, the same calculations were made.

If Mr Stanley's case was considered in the light of there being a minimum benefit in the UK, a larger figure than the total of the English and Irish payments would have resulted.

Therefore, if the UK legislation did afford a minimum benefit, he was entitled to a supplement, being the difference between that and the total of the English and Irish payments.

On June 18, 1973, a declaration of the UK, made under Article 5 of the Regulation was published to the effect, apparently, that there was minimum benefit under UK legislation.

In 1973, the pension rates in Eire were increased. As a result, Mr Stanley's supplement fell to be reduced.

On a review in January 1977, the insurance officer concluded that he was not entitled to the supplement. His view would seem to be that the English legislation did not provide for minimum benefit.

Mr Stanley appealed to the local National Insurance tribunal. He was unsuccessful and appealed to the National Insurance Commissioner. By then, the UK, on April 14, 1977, had made another declaration that there was no minimum benefit in the UK.

The argument before the Commissioner was whether the officer had power to "review" Mr Stanley's payments because of a change of relevant circumstances under section 104(1)(b) of the Social Security Act 1975.

That provided: "Any decision under this Act... may be reviewed at any time by an insurance officer, if there has been any relevant change in the circumstances since the decision was given."

In relation to the decision of January 1977, the declaration of April that year could not be a relevant change empowering the officer to review the payment.

But the Commissioner was entitled to consider the case on the facts as they existed at the time of adjudication. Although he concluded that there had been a change entitling the officer to review the payment, he concluded that there was a minimum benefit to which Mr Stanley was entitled.

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was, that was the answer to the question whether there was a minimum benefit.

Once that declaration was removed, there was no minimum benefit. A change of declaration was a change in the circumstances in which the question had to be considered. It was not a change of law, but a new fact which affected entitlement to benefit.

The 1973 declaration made it obligatory for the insurance officer to say that the legislation provided a minimum benefit, and required him to comply with EEC law. That change of declaration in 1977 amounted to a change of that law.

There was, therefore, no minimum benefit and Mr Stanley was not entitled to a supplement after April 14, 1977. The appeal should be allowed.

Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord Justice Dillon agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor, DHSS; W. J. Brazier & Forsyth, Worthing.

Authority for prosecution not shown

Anderson v Frost and Another
Before Lord Justice Ackner and Mr Justice Glidewell
[Judgment delivered May 11]

Where proceedings which required specific authorisation by a chief constable were instituted by a divisional chief officer under a general authority given to him by the chief constable to lay informations in his name, where such authority was challenged in these proceedings, and where it was not shown to have been specifically given in the particular case, then the proceedings were not properly issued.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal by the Chief Constable of

Greater Manchester by way of case stated against a decision of the Stockport Justices dismissing informations preferred against Peter Henry Frost and Frank Hoyle Transport Ltd for offences of driving, and permitting the driving of a heavy goods vehicle without the appropriate driving licence, contrary to section 112 of the Road Traffic Act 1972.

Mr N. Richard Fieldhouse for the chief constable; the defendants did not appear and were not represented.

MR JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the justices heard informations alleging that the defendants were guilty of offences under section 112 of the 1972 Act. The informations

contained the words: "Informant: The Chief Constable of the Greater Manchester Police".

At the hearing the defendants took objection to the informations on the ground that specific authority for the preferring of the informations was not shown upon their face, but on a general authority. They sought proof of specific authority from the prosecutor, but that was not forthcoming.

The justices accordingly found that there was no case to answer and dismissed the informations. They found as a matter of fact that the chief constable himself had not laid the informations, but that they had been laid in his name by a divisional chief officer.

The case of *Price v Humphries* ([1958] 2 QB 353) was authority for the proposition that it was to be presumed that the informations were in proper form, unless and until objection was taken. At that point the prosecution should be in a position to prove that the informations were issued in the proper form with the proper authority.

In this case when objection was taken before the justices, the prosecution had not produced that authority. The justices were therefore entitled in law to conclude that there was no case to answer.

Lord Justice Ackner agreed.

Solicitors: Mr D. S. Gandy, Manchester.

keeping with the needs of restructuring London. The secretary of state had accepted the inspector's conclusion and refused the permission sought.

The company appealed under section 245 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1974 to the High Court on the grounds, *inter alia*, that it was not a valid consideration in law that there was insufficient provision for public control of parking space and that the inspector's conclusion relating to the needs of restructuring London, which the secretary of state had accepted, had been a subjective judgment, unsupported by the evidence.

MR JUSTICE FORBES said that, in relation to the provision of publicly controlled car parking, the inspector had been wrong on two points.

The provisions of the Greater London Development Plan which dealt with car parking were directed to local authorities as providers of car parks, not as planning authorities. He had therefore been wrong to adopt those provisions as affording a planning consideration.

He had further been wrong in

considering it legitimate to refuse planning permission because the proposal did not contain provision for increased parking space subject to public control.

In *R v Hillingdon London Borough Council, Ex parte Royco Homes Ltd* ([1974] QB 720), it had been held that it was *ultra vires* for a condition to be imposed, when granting planning permission, which effectively required the applicant to discharge functions which statute had placed on the local authority.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was equally *ultra vires* to refuse planning permission because the applicant was not offering to do that which was the local authority's duty to do.

If an applicant had offered to provide some element of planning gain, that was a consideration which could justify granting permission which would not otherwise have been granted, but failure to provide such gain could not be a ground for refusing permission.

The appeal would therefore be allowed and the decision quashed.

It was legitimate, though, for an inspector not to accept expert evidence and to use his own experience to make a subjective judgment on a planning issue.

Solicitors: Gouldens, Treasury Solicitor.

Westminster Renslade Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another
Before Mr Justice Forbes
[Judgment delivered May 9]

It was not legitimate for a planning authority or, on appeal, the Secretary of State for the Environment, to refuse planning permission to an applicant on the ground that the proposed development offered no planning gain to the local authority.

MR JUSTICE FORBES so held in the Queen's Bench Division quashing a decision of the secretary of state who had refused planning permission to Westminster Renslade Ltd for a proposed redevelopment of Feltzham railway station and adjacent land in the London Borough of Hounslow.

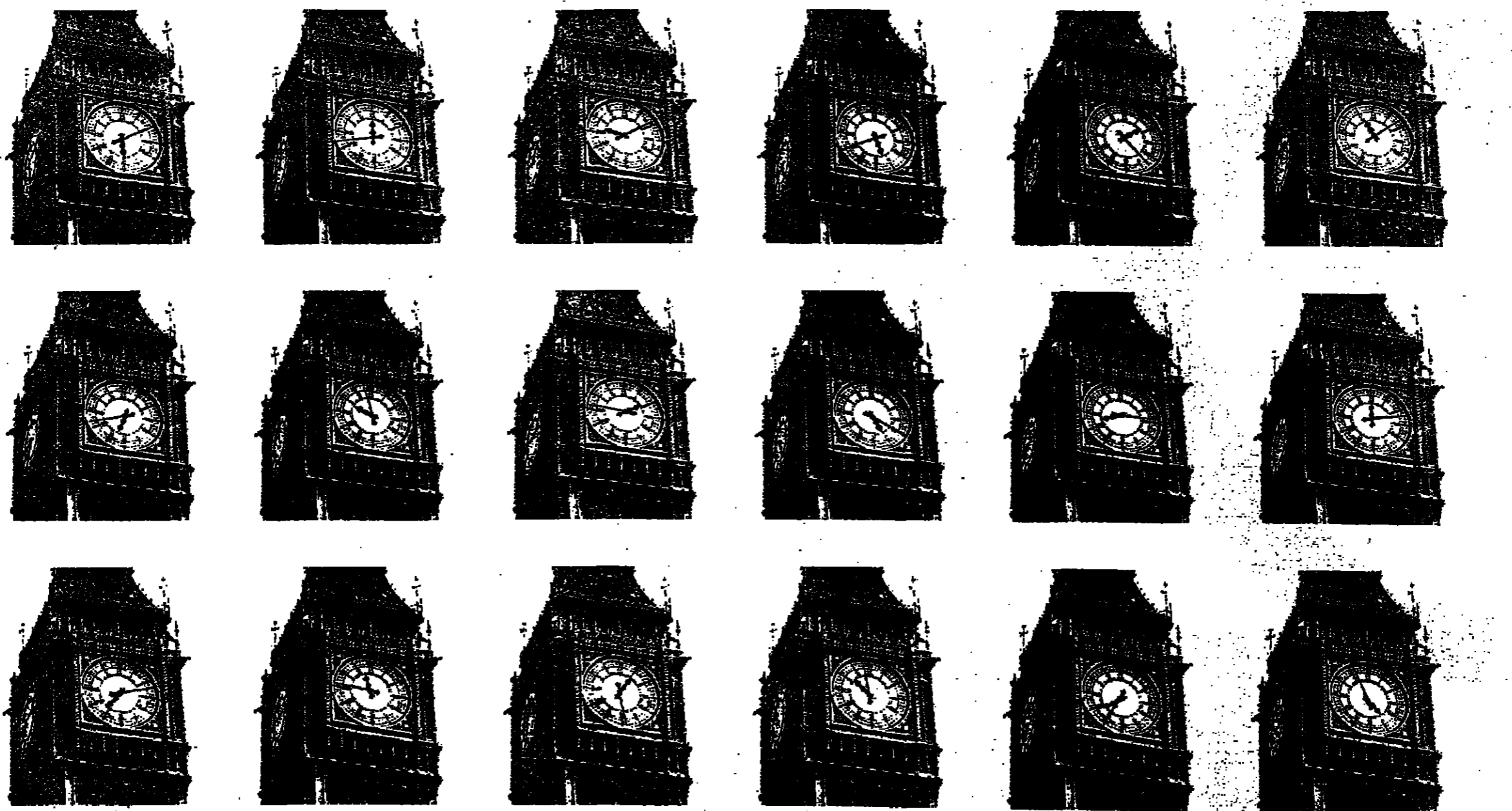
The appellant company had proposed a major redevelopment involving the building of offices, car parks, a bridge, a new station and a transport interchange.

The inspector who had conducted the public inquiry relating to the application recommended refusal on the grounds, *inter alia*, that the plans did not provide for enough car parking space under public control and that the number of offices proposed was excessive and not in


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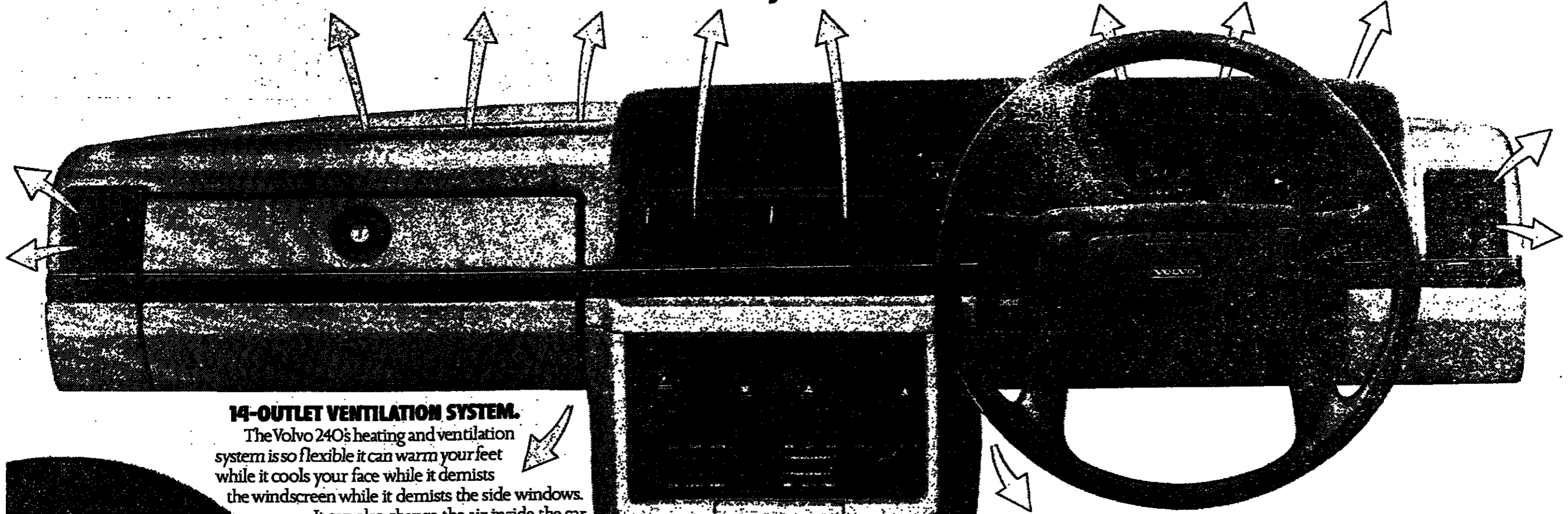


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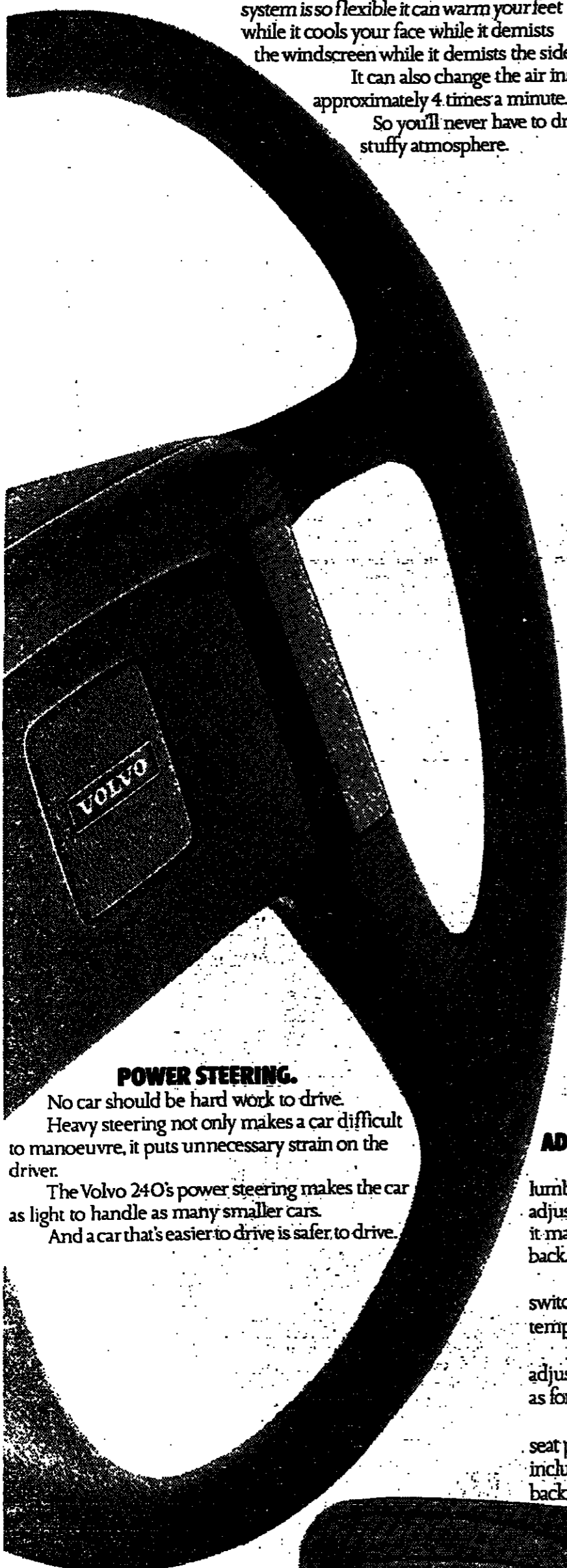
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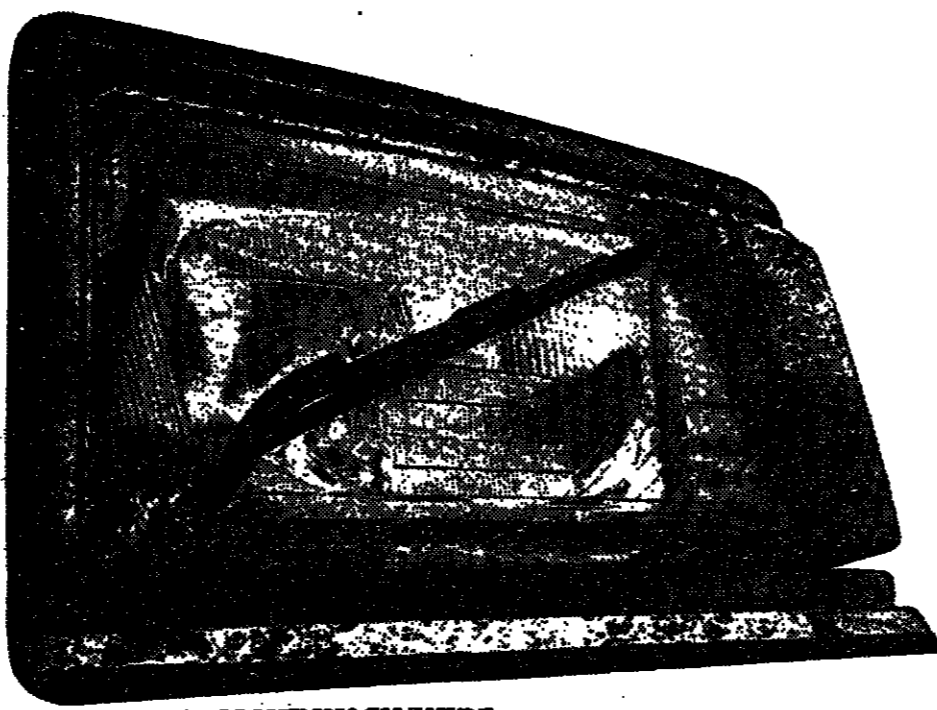
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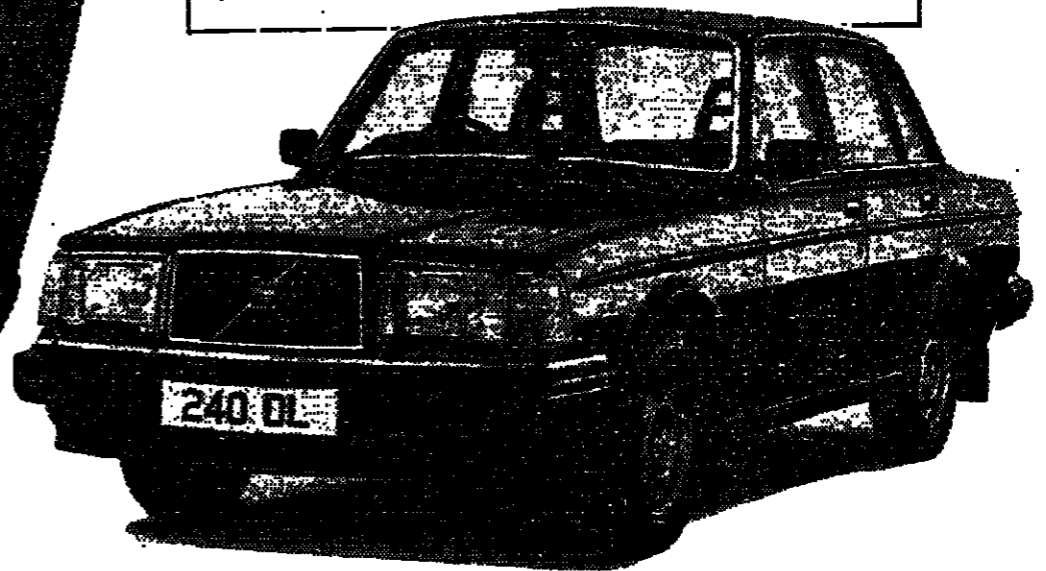
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Love is... £2.5m in the bank

Judith Krantz, bestseller, explains her escape capsules from a dull world to Penny Perrick

As the minibus full of journalists drove into the courtyard of Le Prieur hotel in Avignon, Judith and Steve Krantz were standing hand in hand under the horse-chestnut trees...

All three of these, Scruples, Princess Daisy and the latest, Mistral's Daughter, have reached the number one spot on the world's best seller list...

Although the admirer of Trollope, Balzac and Margaret Drabble, Mrs Krantz said over lunch that she was pretty certain that no book of hers would ever be nominated for a Pulitzer prize...

It is also a lot of money. Her advance for Princess Daisy was an estimated £2.5m, the highest ever paid for a novel...

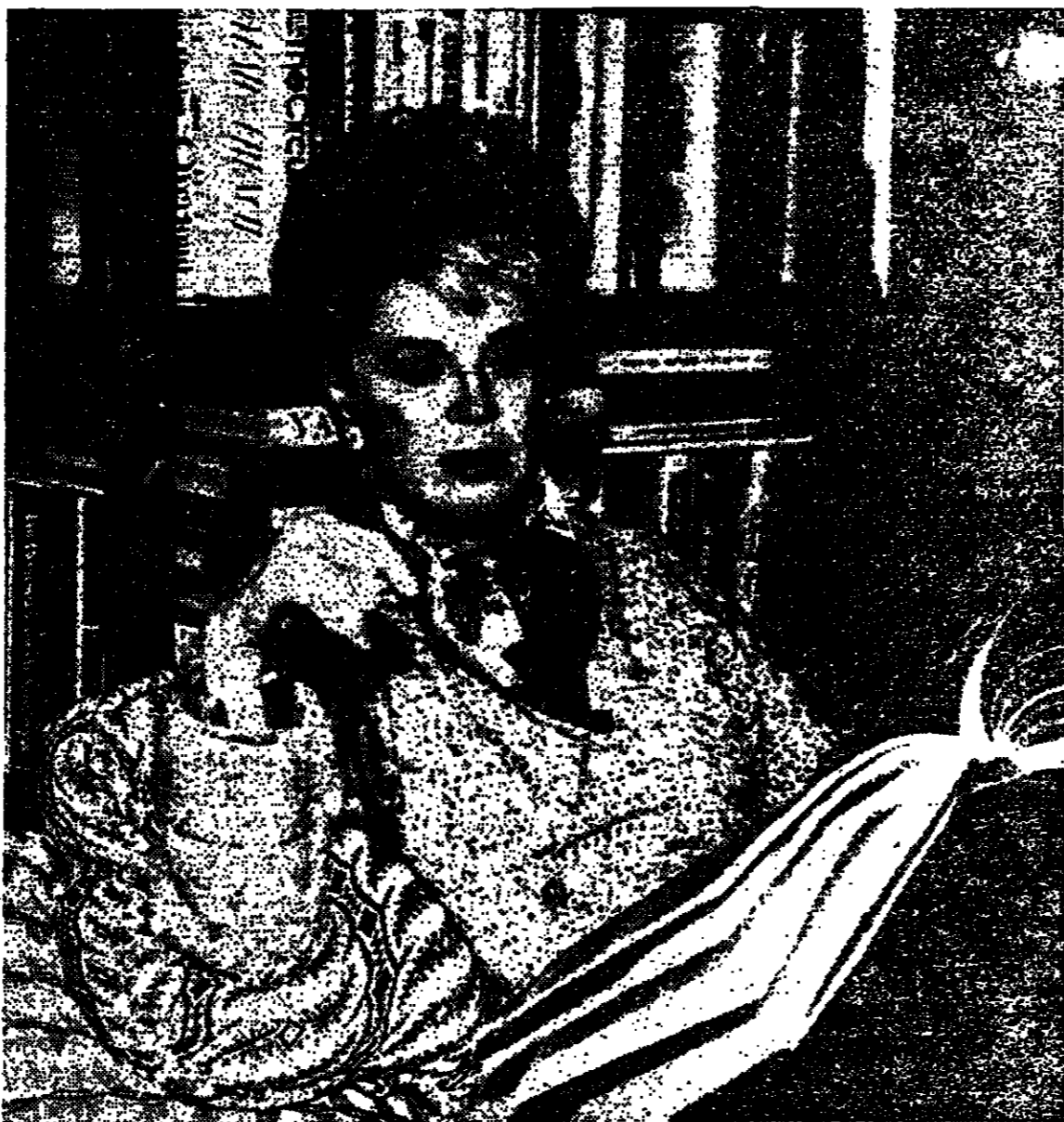
Letters from her readers are mostly thank-you notes. "They

nearly all say they were going through a bad period and reading my book was like swallowing a little escape capsule...

Her books also provide an escape for Mrs Krantz. Here she is, a small (five foot two inches) 56-year-old woman who goes to bed every night...

"Writing is hard work but it should be fun at the same time, not agony. Writing about tall women is a wonderful way of being tall, although I'm not sure that in real life they have such a good time...

Apart from the explosive sex scenes, there's a fair amount of eating and drinking, some of it taking place at Le Prieur, in the latest book...



Judith Krantz: I'm not a literary writer - just a storyteller

my readers behind the scenes, showing them how a model is made ready for a photograph or how a commercial is put together...

Her books splutter with the names of the real-life glamorous - the Vicomtesse de Ribes, Lauren Huton, the '21' in New York, the Ritz in Paris...

The Krantzes have always lived in a world attached to the right labels. Steve Krantz is a film producer who set up his own company to produce

the sexy successful cartoon film, Fritz the Cat, while Judith was a respected freelance journalist. The gentleman sitting next to her at lunch said in a nudge-nudge, wink-wink way that he was sorry he had never read her article called "The Myth of the Multiple Orgasm"...

She said that she had never considered herself a novelist though, convinced that she had no imagination. It was Steve who knew she had. At the age of 48, following a move to California where an allergy to sunshine kept her indoors, she wrote Scruples...

subsequently clung to the rights of the last two books. Right now, Steve, as executive producer, is involved in discussions with the television company which will screen Mistral's Daughter as to how the nipples which tingle their way through every chapter can decently be presented to a family audience...

The Krantzes charmingly went through their hand in hand beneath the trees routine as the minibus drove away. The man who had been told more than he really wanted to know about the myth of multiple orgasms said: "This is the best day of my life. Judith Krantz thinks I've got a dirty mind."

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PAUL SHREVE, 1983

An Englishman's home is his castle, unless it is a building listed for historical or architectural interest.

We are used to seeing stately home owners selling pictures to pay for repairs to their crannies; it is less well known that the humble cottager might be required to pay out large sums of money he does not possess...

My cottage is at Littlebourne, near Canterbury, one of a pair believed to date from about 1567. It was a hop-house in its day and the lease still prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor. The front of the cottage and its neighbour are bisected by huge beams, containing brickwork in the Elizabethan tradition...

Last year, for financial reasons, I decided to sell and had a damp proof course and central heating put in and the cottage redecorated, inside and out, at a cost of £10,000, of which £1,400 was a grant from Canterbury council...

I called in a firm of specialists, who promptly hacked huge areas of plaster out of each newly-decorated room, bored holes into ceilings, lifted floorboards and gouged out plaster and brickwork...

When I rang to complain - saying I had specifically asked for the decorations not to be spoilt - the firm claimed that Canterbury council officers had "instructed"

them to strip the plaster in this fashion. A local builder called it "demolition and vandalism" and has sent an estimate for £2,037 to put right the damage...

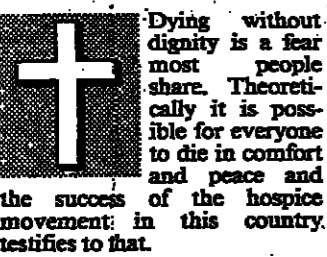
Now that Canterbury council officials are aware of the dry rot, it can apparently force the owner to carry out whatever work it deems necessary, however much money it costs...

Through this beam and its supports are hidden by panelling, they would require the firm to cut off parts of the beam, replacing it with identical wood, and strip the pegs from the roof in order to carry out the operation...

Canterbury council is prepared to give me a grant of £2,880 towards the work, with another possible £1,440 Historic Buildings grant. This is hardly a great help with a bill of £11,000 and an existing bank loan to be repaid on previous work carried out...

I used to be proud of the historic monument listing, but that was before I knew the extent to which a local authority could intrude into one's home.

Diana Patt



Dying without dignity is a fear most people share. Theoretically it is possible for everyone to die in comfort and peace and the success of the hospice movement in this country testifies to that.

But the majority of elderly people have no assurance that they will receive a high quality of care at the end of their lives. And their diminishing hopes have driven many people to join the Voluntary Euthanasia Society...

Patients could sign a statement expressing how they would like to be treated when they are dying. Dr Robertson has compiled a statement which begins: "It is my express wish that I, beyond the age of (say) 65 years I develop an acute or chronic cerebral illness which results in a substantial loss of dignity, and the opinions of two independent physicians indicate that my condition is unlikely to be reversible..."

The statement is wordy based on a "living will" which is common in America, but with one major and important difference. Living wills in some states are legally binding and doctors who have refused to comply with the directions have been subsequently sued.

Dr Robertson envisages that his type of statement would give doctors some insight into their patients' beliefs. If a doctor believes he should disregard the statement, there would be no legal repercussions. But the statement could re-establish hope for some people that they will die in dignity.

The British Medical Association's ethical committee has taken Dr Robertson's suggestion sufficiently seriously to discuss its implications, but decided to take it no further on the grounds that since it is possible for patients to die in a confident frame of mind, pain-free and well-counselled, the statement is irrelevant and unnecessary.

MEDICAL BRIEFING Arranging for death with dignity

worried that doctors were not following strictly the brain-death criteria on patients on life support systems. More recently it has been suggested that the compulsory wearing of seat belts has been so effective that it has reduced the number of car accident donors.

But in the renal transplant unit at Leeds, the outlook is not so gloomy for would-be kidney recipients. Mr Pierre Guillou, consultant in charge, cannot remember the last time a car driver's kidneys were used in a transplant. Eighteen months ago one back seat passenger was killed after being flung forward in an accident and his kidneys were subsequently donated.

Most donors in the region have died after brain haemorrhages, with the occasional kidney coming from a motor-bike accident victim.

Vested interest Some ex-colonials may swear by vitamin B tablets for keeping mosquitoes at bay, but Dr Graham White, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, is more sceptical. He says the evidence of the secretion of vitamin B in sweat acting as a mosquito-repellent is less than conclusive.

Dr White advocates using repellent chemicals on skin and clothes. One he recommends is marketed as Autum, which has the nickname DEET and another is permethrin. The School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine will, for between £5 and £8 make up a string vest steeped in DEET for anyone travelling to Africa or Asia.

It is important for travellers to prevent mosquito bites. The insects may be carrying malaria, and drug-resistant strains of plasmodium (the culprit causing malaria) are spreading west, both in Africa and south east Asia.

The number of people entering Britain with malaria is dropping. According to Dr Gill Lea, medical officer with British Airways, this is partly because British Asians travelling to the Indian sub-continent now realise that they must take pills either because they have lost their natural immunity or because the area they visit has only recently become a malaria risk zone.

Medical Briefing Laser screened

BBC TV's recent That's Life exposé of Harley Street doctor Sir Durta highlighted the potential dangers of attending laser or cosmetic surgery clinics without being referred by a GP.

Dr Durta, who this week confessed in New York to heroin smuggling had, the team alleged, used a laser to remove a tattoo from a woman's arm, leaving her with a painful and disfiguring scar.

A spokesman for the British Medical Association this week reiterated a warning not to go to direct access clinics, made at last year's annual meeting. The association, which believes that such clinics should not be allowed to advertise directly to the general public and hence avoid the scrutiny of other doctors, is continuing to press for a change in the law.

Meanwhile it seems that television viewers have noted the programme's concern about lasers. A slump in business has prompted at least one other tattoo removal clinic to increase its PR activity.

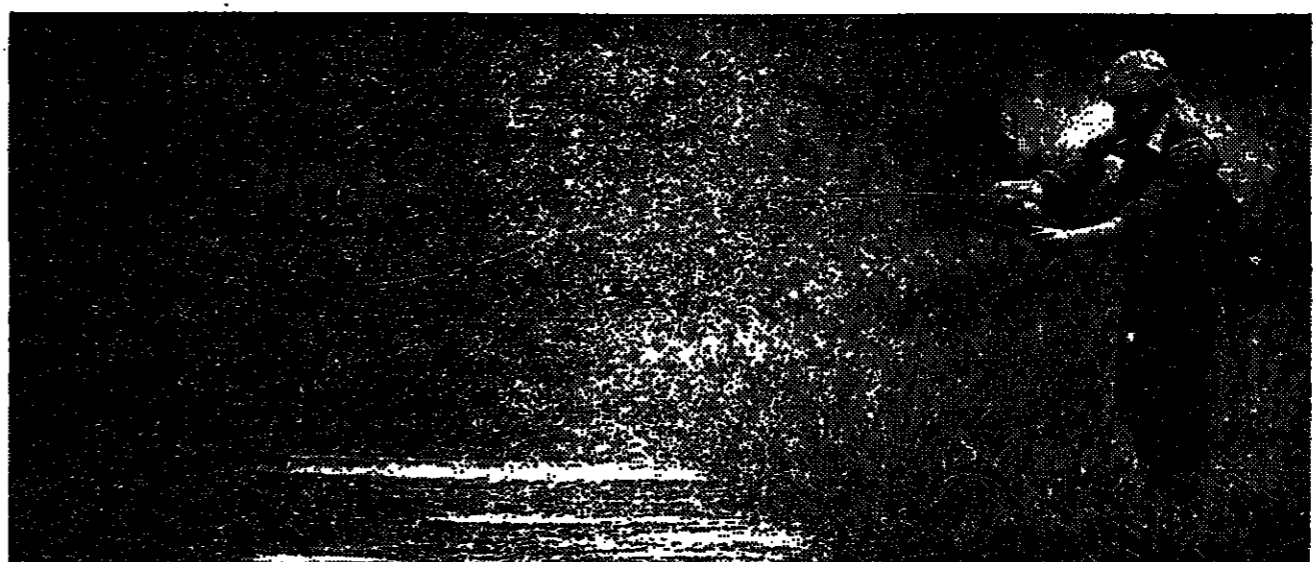
After-care The controversial morning after pill, which was cleared by the Director of Public Prosecutions this week, is not something that women turn to regularly, at least when they are helped by well organized GPs or family planning clinics.

The problem is that each batch of factor is produced using blood from around 3,500 donors and the chances of at least one donor having viral hepatitis are unavoidably high. Attempts to pasteurize the proteins have not proved practical. To some extent the risks of one form - hepatitis B - have been brought under control. Donated blood can now be screened for this virus and according to Dr John Craske, consultant virologist to the South Manchester Regional Virus Laboratory, only one in 20 batches is affected.

Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser Olivia Timbs is editor of Medicoconomics and Lorraine Fraser is science editor of General Practitioner

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MANIFESTO FOR MANOEUVRE

There are two ways of looking at the Alliance manifesto which was published yesterday. Its ostensible purpose is to indicate the policies that would be pursued by a government of Liberals and Social Democrats.

voluntary agreement of the unions - and all experience has shown that this can be obtained only for short periods of time. Both the Liberals and the Social Democrats are well known to attach more importance than either Labour or the Conservatives to constitutional reform.

the next Parliament to ensure the introduction of system which will strengthen the power of the voters". It is true that this does not state in quite so many words that the Alliance would not cooperate with any party that would not concede proportional representation.

Fairer dealing in air accidents

From Mr Harold Caplan Sir, Your admirable leader ("Fly now, lose later", May 11) is a reminder that hard cases continue to provide the ingredients of bad law.

Election seen from the grass roots

From Mrs Marilyn Mihill Sir, The Labour Opposition's blockage of the clause in the Finance Bill increasing the limit for mortgage tax relief from £25,000 to £30,000 is surely a somewhat misguided start to the party's election campaign.

Responsibility and solvent sniffing

From the Headmaster of The Knights Templar School Sir, I disagree with the Headmaster of Friern Barnet Grammar School, who suggested (May 11) that the makers of glue and other useful household articles should be taxed to pay for the abuse of their products by stupid youths.

BEYOND THE STOCKADE

The four highly significant by-elections that have just taken place in the Transvaal, the heartland of Afrikanerdom at the end of the voortrekkers' trail, have not gone well for Prime Minister P. W. Botha.

cooperation or parliamentary manoeuvring between liberal whites, Coloureds and Indians. When "general" issues are discussed - those reckoned to affect all the races equally - legislative power will in the end belong to the white ruling party.

that white politics is no longer Afrikaner politics. He will have to move towards the centre and accept the challenge of winning over the English-speaking voter, who is no multi-racial angel but more pragmatically amenable to change.

Prison overcrowding

From Mr Antony Fletcher Sir, The Home Secretary has certainly tried hard to deal with the gross overcrowding of our prisons; his willingness to encourage wide public debate is especially refreshing.

Where credit's due

From Mr Stephen Lamb Sir, Of the two alterations to the layout of the cricket scoreboard suggested by Mr Mike Faber (April 30) the second appears to be entirely acceptable.

Child thieves abroad

From Mrs Joyce Duncan Sir, I was pleased to read J. F. Rutter's letter on the child thieves in Paris (April 30). One such gang did this surrounding, paving and jostling to me as I crossed the busy rue de Rivoli several weeks ago.

Ahmed imprisonment

From Mr John Pilger and others Sir, We read with surprise and sorrow about the conviction, on abuse of power charges, and sentencing to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment of the former deputy Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Moudud Ahmed, by a martial law tribunal in Dhaka (The Times, March 17).

MR SPEAKER GOES HOME

It is lost in the mists of time how the House of Commons managed before it had a Speaker to take it in hand as Mr George Thomas has taken it in hand during a seven-year reign that ends today.

Not that Mr Thomas was what one might call an obvious Speaker - not one in the tradition of Arthur Onslow, who had two Speakers in the family already and was so solicitous to avoid controversy that he is only recorded to have opened his mouth three times in the Commons before being elected to the chair by unanimous vote in 1723.

but it is the case that Mr Thomas has survived the many stresses of his office with more resilience than most of his recent predecessors, and turned aside wrath and hectoring more disarmingly. He is departing at the end of a Parliament, because most MPs preferred to avoid the search for a successor when no obvious candidate presented himself.

In foreign parts

From Mr M. P. Cowie Sir, I was most interested to read Mr Christopher Thomas's account (May 9) of the Oxford-Cambridge boat race on the East River of New York.

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Eating guinea pigs

Mr Christopher A. Key Sir, I was interested to note the letter printed on May 10 from Lady James of Rushmore concerning the consumption of guinea pigs.

Flight of fancy

From Mr M. R. Bond Sir, The BBC may have an Unnatural History Unit as a complement to your own Unnatural London Geography Unit.

The EEC Budget

From Mr Roger Broad Sir, The European Commission has not proposed that the European Parliament be empowered to increase Community budgetary resources "at will".

THE ARTS

Cinema: Geoff Brown in London and David Robinson (below) in Cannes

Magical scrutiny of European history

Confidence (15) Gate Notting Hill

Passion (18) Camden Plaza

Handgun (18) ABC Shaftesbury Avenue

Bad Boys (18) Classics Haymarket, Oxford Street

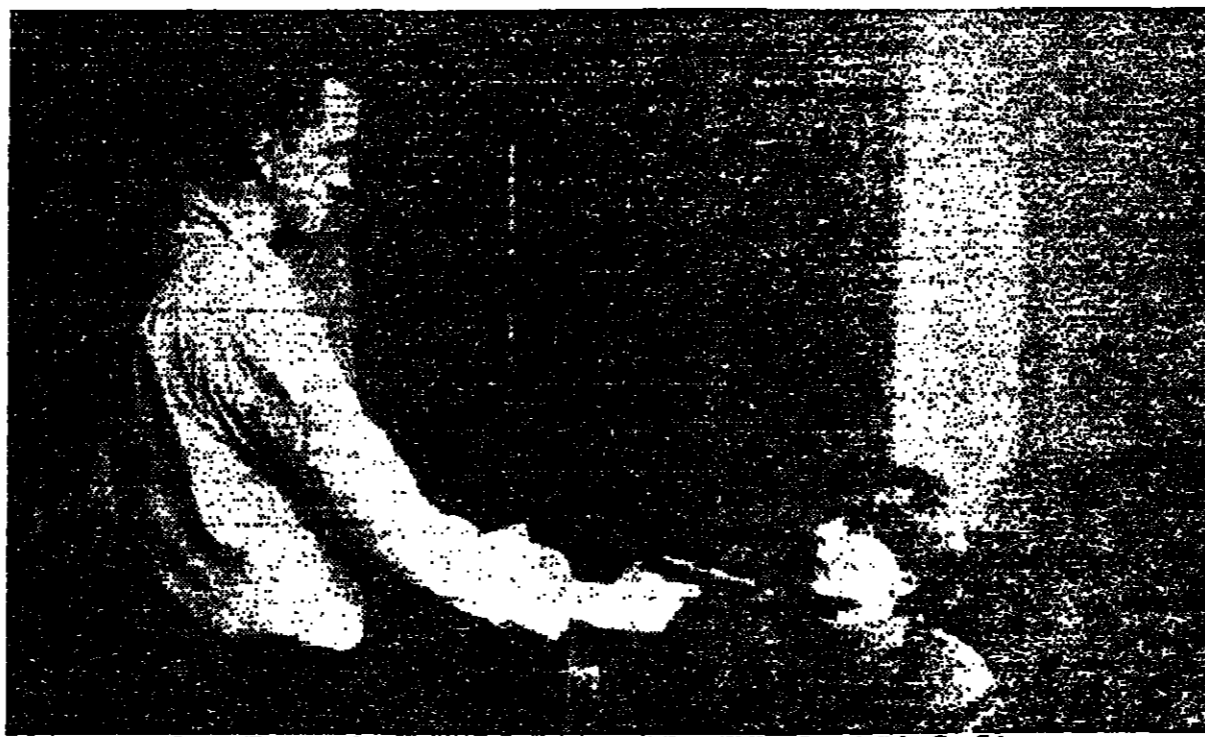
Friday the 13th Part III (18) Plaza 2

What a topsy-turvy world: István Szabó's spellbinding Confidence takes three years to reach a public cinema in Britain...

member), is hidden away with an experienced, hard-bitten fugitive, János. The two pose as man and wife, though emotional and social contacts are shrouded in dark, pervading suspicions...

As we watch Kata and János painfully shuffling towards intimacy, it becomes clear that Szabó's sad story relates not just to two individuals during the autumn of 1944...

The week's other major film could not be more different in style. Where Szabó blends the components of cinema to form a compact, resonant narrative...



János (Péter Andorai) tests the resolution of Kata (Ildikó Bánsági) in Confidence

— rub against each other in wintry Swiss settings without ever forming a coherent plot-line. The characters' faces, at least, are encouragingly familiar: they are played, respectively, by Isabelle Huppert, Michel Piccoli, Hanna Schygulla and Jerry Radziwiloewicz...

As with all of life's problems, Passion is best tackled a step at a time. Raoul Coutard's photography during the autumn of 1944...

from both his leads (Karen Young as an innocent schoolteacher and Clayton Day as the gun-loving male who rapes her). Yet all these virtues are squandered on a plot that steadily trades its crusading spirit for the conventional fantasies of the vigilante thriller...

The ICA's presentation of Roberto Rossellini's television film The Rise to Power of Louis XIV demands more space than is available; next week must suffice. Among other offerings, Handgun stands out for its curious mixture of the fresh and the jaded...

the play becomes the real thing, the pilgrimage after the Star of Bethlehem. St Matthew's record is transformed into familiar everyday characters, language and sentiments. The pilgrims on the road to Bethlehem are the young, the old, the stupid, the greedy, the innocent and the sly...

13th Part III, in which a fresh crop of teenagers enjoy a weekend of mayhem at the notorious Crystal Lake; only the heroine survives. One can only fear for their cinematic education: no one would guess from this dismal piece that horror films can frighten with genuine wit and style.

In all its turbulent history the Cannes Festival has never appeared as bizarre as this year. The Fr. 600m. new palais seemed all right on the night, but thereafter degenerated into shambles...

On the fifth day of the festival Cannes was invaded by protesting medical students from all over France, who clearly saw the publicity value of the event. They lit a great bonfire in the port, and the column of black smoke raised a joyous cry the length of the Croisette...

Before the riot police moved in, the festival had managed to screen two of its major showpieces, Nagisa Oshima's Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence and Ermanno Olmi's Caminacamina. Oshima's film is a strange mixture of talents. Directed by the maker of Empire of the Senses, it is adapted from a novel, The Seed and the Sower...

The story is set in a Japanese POW camp in Indonesia in 1942, but Oshima says that he was influenced more by Jean Renoir's La Grande Illusion than by Bridge on the River Kwai. The conflict is between the codes and character — in their different ways as brutally inflexible — of Japanese and British...

are problems with both structure and casting (the Australian actor Jack Thompson is not believable as an English blimp) that blur the British side of things; but Oshima's humanism and narrative skills surmount most of the handicaps.

Bournemouth SO/Segal Festival Hall

Concert: When Hans von Bülow heard Mahler play through the first movement of his Second Symphony on the piano, he is supposed to have gone into a state of nervous shock...

Concert: Detailed markings were being followed, how rarely the little swellings and findings which give the phrases life were observed. The outbursts of the finale were rumbustious rather than tense in Mr Segal's hands...

Television: Alexander Korda's ambition was to outdo Hollywood. Having made half a million pounds and a star out of Charles Laughton for £60,000 with Henry VIII in 1933, he set out to do it in 65 acres at Denham. Prudential Life Assurance had a non-starting role as backers...

Television: Elephantine aspirations. Korda strode down to tell them it was back now or never. It was now.

Advertisement for the Bournemouth SO/Segal Festival Hall, listing various musical performances and ticket information.

Anne Evans, WNO's chosen Brünnhilde, tries out the role at the Festival Hall on Sunday. Interview by John Higgins. Searching for truth

Anne Evans first worked with him at the Rome Opera as Chrysothemis in Richard Strauss's Elektra and it was success there that laid the foundation stone for Sunday's concert.

What if I can't act? I asked. "Don't worry, dear," came back the reply, "you'll find your way around."

Rich Comedy... "A Dance of Defiance and Invention" Mail on Sunday S. 14. "Provocative, Earthy and Hilarious" Sun. Express. "Exciting, Passionate Theatre" F. Times

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Theatre: The power to shock

A Patriot for Me Chichester

"It's knowing the value of other men. And cherishing it." An appreciative comment on army standards from the commandant of the 7th Galician Infantry Regiment, circa 1890.

Judging by protests in the theatre's Trust that nearly got this revival cancelled, John Osborne's masterpiece still has the power to shock 18 years after the Lord Chamberlain's notorious refusal to licence any of its homosexual themes...

Alan Bates inherits the Maximilian Schell part of Redl, rising from an unpromising background to an elite position in counter-espionage under increasing surveillance from his Russian opposite numbers.

Other Worlds Royal Court. Listeners to Desert Island Discs will recently have picked up the story of a monkey, the sole survivor of a Napoleonic shipwreck...

subculture offering physical and social peril along with a feast of promiscuity, is a gift they receive with open arms. Blackmail persuades him to join them, and discovery of it to the gentleman's opinion of the provided revolver in the solitary room.

It all takes well to Chichester's epic thrust stage, though pace cannot always be sustained and audibility is only good head-on. Carl Toms fills a revolve with gilt belle-epoque furniture or empties it for an interrogation scene or forest clearing...

Though Alan Bates's performance still has room to grow — the early stages could stand more ironic detail, for the play takes an hour-and-half to land him in bed with his first young man — he makes something both charming and chilling out of the young lieutenant's slattery wit with all the expected answers.

Taking one of those boys largely for spite, Miss Gish shocks you with raw feeling as the play gradually denies it to the other characters; and, protected by a total lack of illusion as well as a four-string pearl choker on top of diamonds, Nigel Stock's queenly steele side to all those Victorian gentlemen he always played so impeccably.

Anthony Masters. Wintry poetry. of whatever pecking order this impoverished community has to show; but it is in decline.

Other Worlds Royal Court. Listeners to Desert Island Discs will recently have picked up the story of a monkey, the sole survivor of a Napoleonic shipwreck...

Mr Holman leaves quite a string of unanswered questions. Why did the looters not recognize the ship's nationality? Why was the farmer not arrested for murder? Or, as Joe did secretly survive, how did it take him so long to learn of Emma's death?

As a piece of story-telling, Other Worlds concerns the feud between the farmers of Fylingthorpe and the dispossessed fishermen of Robin Hood's Bay. Spanning 20 years, it incorporates a frustrated Romeo and Juliet fable for a fisherman, Joe, and a farm girl, Emma, who dies in childbirth...

John Byrne contributes a series of magnificently desolate designs, and Richard Wilson's production adheres strictly to the measured, disciplined writing, achieving some extraordinary dividends in Paul Opley's double performance as Joe and Jim Broadbent as the brutal farmer and his buffoonish son.

Advertisement for the London Festival Ballet, listing various performances and ticket information.

MARKET REPORT by Andrew Cornelius

Broker backs motors

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, May 8. Dealings end, May 20. Contango Day, May 23. Settlement Day, May 31.

push down the shares by 4p to 366p yesterday.

Trading in the rest of the market was dull with the FT index largely unmoved early on, but later falling four points to close at 688.6. GUILTS were

for shareholders largely because the company will have to fund an extra £6.83m to fund Channel 4. The shares remained unchanged on the news at 99p.

However, at Rank Organisation, the film and copiers group, the shares were up by 2p to 180p on bullish news from the head of the film division about trading prospects.

Shares of Smith & Nephew, which makes Elastoplast and Nivea cream, were also up by 2p to 199p after Mr Kenneth Kemp, the chairman, indicated that the first quarter profits rise of 22 per cent should continue for the rest of the year.

However, British Aerospace shares remained unchanged at 200p after an announcement that the company has won £5m of orders for its Jetstream commuter aircraft.

On the bid front Fitch Lovell shares were down by 3p at 142p ahead of this morning's meeting to approve the sale of its Key Markets stores to Safeway. In

contrast, Linford rose by 20p to 268p, boosted by a strong profit and dividend forecast to accompany its rival bid for the Key Markets stores.

A bid approach for Transparent Paper saw the shares rise by 18p to 53p, although the company has no immediate

plans to make an announcement. Similarly, speculation continued to surround the intentions of a large Turkish owned shareholding in Belgrave (Blackheath), the forging and machining company whose shares were again busy, rising 22p to 122p.

Bellair was another strong 5p off at 260p.

market rising by 12p to 265p on the news that while speculative demand boosted Wolverhampton Laundry by 7p to 40p, United Parcel by 11p to 126p and Reliant Motor by 5p to 26p.

There was continuing nervousness about KCA International and KCA Drilling ahead of today's announcement. From Mr Paul Bristol on his proposed scheme to reorganize the companies, KCA International shares were down 1p at 46p, while KCA Drilling was unchanged at 44p.

The USM's first tender sale proved to be a great success. Micro Focus, the computer software company, achieved a 240p striking price at which its offer for sale was oversubscribed three times. Trading in the shares begins next Wednesday.

Among the leaders Glaxo Holdings continued its recent heavy fall coming down by 70p to 79p. ICI was down by 4p at 444p and Tate & Lyle down 18p at 332p.

Camrex, the paints company, made the running in the building sector with its shares gaining 10p to 66p after a £6.1m bid from Ruberoid, which was 5p off at 260p.

Stockbroker firm Savory Mill selects motor stocks in the pre-election market as being the best investment bet within the engineering industry in a circular which goes to clients today. The brokers are recommending as buys: AE, at 33p; BBA Group, at 37p; British Car Auctions, at 183p; and Lex Service, which yesterday received that first quarter pretax profits are running more than 50 per cent higher than for the same period last year. Lex shares were up by 13p to 288p on the news.

Mechanical engineering stocks are mostly fully-valued, Savory say, unless the Labour Party wins the election. In that event the short-term outlook will brighten considerably as companies benefit from orders to supply equipment for the capital projects proposed by the Labour leaders.

Elswhere, Savory suggest that Bestobell shares are a sell, as the market discounts the possibility of a bid by BTR which holds 24 per cent of the company's equity. Grim news on present trading from the Bestobell board at the company's annual meeting helped to

Swedish multinational Alfa-Laval raised £23m yesterday by placing 800,000 shares with City institutions. The shares were placed at SKR 341 (£29), per share but carry a bonus issue at the end of this month which values the shares at SKR 455 (£38.80). The shares were trading at SKR 469 (£40) in Stockholm yesterday.

also largely unmoved on the day after closing a quarter at first. The FT Gilt Index closed at 81.04 down 0.09.

Most of the activity came from company statements and bid news. Scottish Television gave a warning to shareholders that this year will be demanding

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APPOINTMENTS

Key to head Minet Brokers

The chairman of a proposed company, Minet Insurance Brokers, will be Mr C. W. Key, who will in addition continue in his role as deputy chairman and chief executive of Minet Holdings (Pty), South Africa.

Professor Michael S. Scott Vernon has been appointed a non-executive board member of CL from June 7.

Mr Clive F. Williams has become managing director of Alexander & Alexander, the new UK broking operation which incorporates the retail divisions of Alexander Howden Insurance Brokers.

Mr D. Meintzenhagen has been re-elected chairman and Mr M. H. McAliney and Sir John Cuckney have been re-elected deputy chairmen of Royal Insurance.

Mr Graham Leake has been appointed managing director of the engineering division of Valor. He fills the vacancy created by the departure of Mr Bob Ince.

Mr Luke Meintzenhagen has been made a director and deputy chairman of Moorgate Investment Trust.

Mr David Alderson has been appointed manager at National Westminster Bank's Hongkong branch. He succeeds Mr Peter Phelan who will be taking up a new appointment in Paris on completion of his tour of duty.

Mr John Bridle, Mr Sean Castellvi and Mr Tim Smart have been made directors of William Grant and Sons Distillers.

Mr David Jude has become deputy treasurer of National Westminster Bank's domestic banking division. He succeeds Mr John Leopold who becomes treasurer.

Mr David Hilder becomes service director at British Gas headquarters from June 1. He has been director of marketing with South Eastern Gas since 1979.

Mr David Annet has been appointed marketing director of Henry Wigfall & Son. He was previously marketing manager. Mr Thomas Cole, previously marketing director, now assumes the position of commercial director.

Caroline Atkinson examines two countries' attempts to avoid financial collapse

Mexico and Brazil at precipice

Bankers and international officials are watching anxiously to see if Mexico and Brazil, the world's two biggest borrowers, can make it through the year without tipping into default.

Most experts believe that the two countries will avoid financial collapse. But their attempts to do so are already leaving a drastic effect at home as they cut imports, try to raise exports and squeeze their domestic economies.

As these and other developing countries are pushed by the debt crisis into strict austerity programmes at home, the rest of the world is likely to feel some of the effects. The United States suffered a sharp drop in exports to Mexico last year as bankers stopped wanting to lend and Mexico was unable to go on buying without new loans.

White House officials estimate that a reduction in sales to the Third World, as a result of the debt crisis, could cut US growth by 1 percentage point this year.

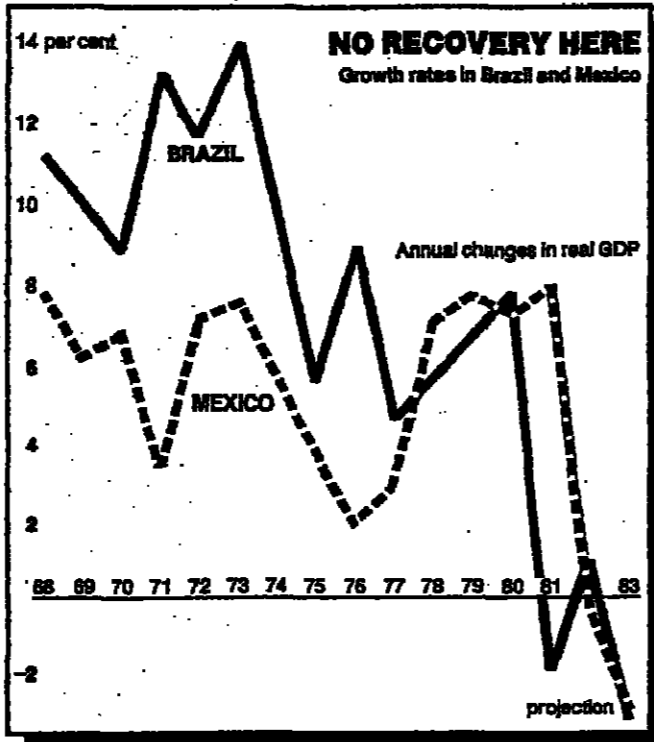
The extra unemployment that this will cause is an unwelcome problem for administration officials. But it pales beside the cost for the borrowing countries themselves of trying to restore their financial respectability.

Jobless figures for developing countries such as Mexico and Brazil, are a poor guide, even when they are available, to what, in industrialized countries, is known as "unemployment".

In Brazil there is no unemployment benefit and in Mexico almost none, so that few people can afford not to work although they would prefer to.

In both countries, a factory worker made redundant is likely to search for some marginal employment, such as selling lottery tickets, rather than stay without a job at all. Many try to go back to the land. But there are now few real job opportunities in the rural areas either, and poverty is rife there.

In both Mexico and Brazil, there has to be a steady increase in the number of jobs merely to absorb the rapidly growing labour force. Instead, the number of industrial jobs has been shrinking. In Sao Paulo, which accounts for more than 40 per cent of total industrial output in Brazil, manufacturing



employment has plunged by more than 20 per cent since its peak at the end of 1980.

There are no good figures for Mexican unemployment, but declining output last year and a deeper drop expected this year.

Government spending continued to climb for a while last year after the collapse of the private economy. But by the second half of the year, real government spending began to fall, with state investment bearing the brunt.

The IMF asked for a near halving of the budget deficit in relation to gross domestic product this year - from 16.5 per cent in 1982 to 8.5 per cent and for a further reduction in 1984.

On the bright side, the IMF has told commercial bankers that Mexico is making good progress in meeting its policy targets. But to a large extent this

success, particularly in turning the trade deficit into a small surplus last year, is simply a mirror of how weak the economy is.

The new government of Miguel de la Madrid which took office in December says that it is determined to hold to the IMF-agreed programme. But ministers recently warned a high level delegation of US officials in Mexico City, including Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Donald Regan, the Treasury Secretary, that the social and political costs of remaining in the economy could be considerable.

Private consumption has held up surprisingly well, but as the recession continues, and government subsidies are lifted on a wide range of products, from tortillas to petrol, this is unlikely to last.

Mexican officials want the Americans to make it easier for them to sell their exports in the US. But although US officials are constantly aware that hard times across the border are likely to swell the numbers of unwanted illegal immigrants into the US, they are also more sensitive to the demands of their own workers for protection.

Mr Regan predicted after the meetings that the Mexican economy would continue to decline for some months this year, although he held out the hope that the US recovery now underway could feed through to Mexico by the end of the year.

The pattern of the Brazilian recession is similar to that in Mexico, with investment down sharply but consumption not yet too depressed. However, the Brazilian recession started earlier, as the country had no oil to shield it from the slow-down in the world economy.

Although Brazil threatened to stop lending in late 1980, the military government brought in austerity measures to slow the economy and to reassure its creditors and started to pay more for the money it wanted to borrow. For a while this

worked, but after the Mexican financial crisis last summer, bankers stopped lending to Brazil too, forcing the country to the IMF for help.

Brazil has now agreed to another round of austerity measures, which economists believe will cut output by as much as 3 per cent to 4 per cent this year.

Cuts in government spending, advised by the IMF, have so far fallen predominantly on investment, with capital goods production and construction down sharply. Retail sales remain relatively buoyant but, as in Mexico, rising unemployment and falling wages are expected to harm consumption.

In Brazil, as in Mexico, officials look to the U.S. economy to pull them out of trouble.

Brazil was a success story in the 1970s, despite the blow to its economy from the oil-price increases of 1973 and 1979. Oil imports account for about half of the country's total import bill so that, unlike Mexico, Brazil has been helped by the recent decline in prices.

This will not be nearly enough, however, to offset the effects on growth of the drying-up of the foreign credit. Brazil built up its economy on loans from overseas, borrowing to improve its industrial sector, to develop its huge natural resources and, more recently, to build alternative energy sources.

The money seems to have been better spent than the foreign cash that went into Mexico, and Brazil's long-term prospects as an industrializing and exporting country look better than Mexico's.

But the prospects for expansion are dim. The trade targets agreed with the IMF were extremely ambitious - the country is aiming for a \$6bn trade surplus this year - and will be met only if domestic demand and imports are held down tightly. Although the Government is doing less well on the other IMF targets for spending and borrowing, officials still say they intend to meet them this year.

Neither Brazil nor Mexico appears on the verge of revolution - one left-wing economist in Rio said that the unemployed are no danger to the Government because they have no power. But the depth of the recession in both countries is unprecedented for the post-war period.

Recession in both countries seems certain to continue

People sell lottery tickets rather than stay jobless

suggest that job opportunities are shrinking fast.

Mexico, it is generally agreed, went on a spending spree after the discovery, in the middle of the 1970s, of huge oil reserves that could not last.

The oil boom enabled the country to move out of its last recession and drop the restrictive policies it had earlier been forced to adopt when it borrowed money from the International Monetary Fund.

On the strength of oil, it borrowed heavily from willing international bankers and embarked on a large development and industrialization programme that put its balance of payments heavily into the red.

A weakening oil market, high US interest rates and deepening world recession forced the

Unwilling government of Sen José López Portillo to give up its dream of rapid growth and development.

Once foreign bankers stopped wanting to lend to Mexico last year, growth slumped. Instead of the 8 per cent annual rate of growth aimed at by Sen José López Portillo, the economy stopped expanding altogether. Private investment plunged by 15 per cent.

Government spending continued to climb for a while last year after the collapse of the private economy. But by the second half of the year, real government spending began to fall, with state investment bearing the brunt.

The IMF asked for a near halving of the budget deficit in relation to gross domestic product this year - from 16.5 per cent in 1982 to 8.5 per cent and for a further reduction in 1984.

On the bright side, the IMF has told commercial bankers that Mexico is making good progress in meeting its policy targets. But to a large extent this

Industrial notebook

Oil figures and the art of the possible

Statistics, like politics, are very much the art of the possible. Nowhere has this been more evident than with the recent ringing declarations by government energy ministers that we are on the verge of a new boom in North Sea development activity, thanks largely - so they claim - to the oil taxation concessions in the last Budget.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Energy Secretary, and his oil minister, Mr Hamish Gray, have been telling all and sundry since the Budget that they expect development approvals for new fields to come through over the next two years at the impressive rate of one every six to eight weeks.

This claim, it is no secret, has been greeted with some amusement by the oil industry, which simply does not believe it, and by not a little embarrassment by the Government's own officials, who (to put it diplomatically) would probably not be prepared to bet their index-linked pensions on the prediction coming true.

It is noticeable that the first time Mr Lawson made this remark it was put out by the Conservative Central Office rather than with the imprimatur of the Department of Energy. By Monday this week, however, he was telling MPs that it was an official "best estimate" by the department.

There is some irony too in being asked to swallow such bullish remarks from a minister who not only consistently argued while at the Treasury that North Sea taxes were too low but who also frequently asserts that making forecasts in the energy business is as hazardous as it is fruitless. Such is politics, of course.

But is the forecast being actually going to materialize? The consensus appears to be yes - at least up to a point. Mr Lawson's figures have not just been plucked from thin air. The Government has identified 17 fields with which it has had preliminary or well advanced discussions about development with other companies.

If you assume, as Mr Lawson does, that they will all come to fruition over the next two years, that works out neatly (allowing for public holidays anyway) at the rate of one every six weeks.

The figure itself is fairly meaningless. It smacks just a little of Mr Healey's famous election-time boast that inflation was running "at the rate of" eight per cent. It is certainly not the whole answer. The new fields will all be smaller than the ones that have gone before. Some have been on the cards for some time, and would have been developed anyway. Others are gas fields, which do not benefit from the tax changes and owe little if anything to the Government's breaking of the British Gas Corporation monopoly over gas supplies.

Equally, companies and Whitehall officials are sceptical on how quickly the development approvals will in fact materialize, given the continuing uncertainty over oil prices and the delays that have been experienced in the past. And nobody, including the ministers, claims that the first orders from these new fields will come to the rescue of the struggling platform and module construction yards for at least a year, and probably longer.

Nevertheless, without denying Mr Lawson's rose-tinted spectacles, it is perfectly possible to be optimistic about the future of the North Sea and our ability to retain long term self-sufficiency in oil. Labour's willingness to let the oil tax changes through this week suggests that the necessary fiscal stimulus to new developments will survive any electoral outcome.

The North Sea is still very productive. Oil is being discovered with great frequency, albeit in smaller economically marginal quantities. The Government deserves the credit for stepping up the rate of licensing and exploration drilling, which must be the basis of any sensible depletion policy. The only thing that sticks in the craw of the industry is being asked to be grateful for the tax changes that should, by universal consent, have been made 12 to 18 months ago. Having said that, the industry will almost certainly prefer another dose of Mr Lawson to the threatened return, under Labour, of an interventionist department and State oil company.

Jonathan Davis

Table with multiple columns listing financial data, including 'Authorized Units & Insurance Funds', 'Authorized Units', and 'Insurance Funds'. It contains numerous rows of numerical and text-based information.

Rare Roberta to frank the Guineas form

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent
Today's meeting at Newbury has been sponsored in aid of Action Research for the disabled child. With £10,000 added to the sweepstakes...

Hide steals march on Line Slinger

By Michael Seely
Edward Hide's bold and enterprising tactics stole the Yorkshire Cup for Bill Eley and the Home County yesterday. Khairpour would probably have won instead of finishing second if the Aga Khan's four-year-old had not swayed across the course a furlong and a half from home...



Line Slinger holds Khairpour's challenge in the Yorkshire Cup

Johnstone builds a platform with a spirit-level

By John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent
Tony Johnstone, an amiable Zimbabwean, has called in an unusual instrument in the pursuit of golfing excellence: a builder's spirit-level. It was used in Paris for 25 francs last week. Its influence was such (we must assume) that he was able to score 64, six under par, at Wimbledon on the first day of the British Open...



Cañizares: not in top streaking form yesterday

Bonallack bows out

By Peter Ryde
Continuous rain from breakfast to lunchtime interrupted the second day of qualifying for the Brabazon Trophy which starts today over 72 holes at the Notts Club, Hollitree. The rain was restricted to eleven holes...

Among the 56 who qualified on Wednesday was Peter McEvoy, who won the Amateur in 1977 and 1978 but who is now more concerned with golf promotion. He is drawn in the first round with Paul Downes, who won the tournament last year with whom he has never been associated in business...

CYCLING

A spoke in Five leaving the wheel Raleigh

By John Witcock
Brescia, Italy. (Reuter) - The first stage of this year's Tour of Italy was cancelled here yesterday when striking metal workers blocked the course for the individual time trial and the first day of the team time trial. Officials later met to decide on rules to make today's timed 70 kilometres team trial. But the strikers have called a demonstration to coincide with the riders' arrival at the finish in Mantua today...

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table listing various sports fixtures including Cricket, Football, Hockey, and Tennis matches.

Troy found dead

The death of Troy, at the early age of seven, comes as a tragic blow to European breeders, following as it does hard on the heels of the 1979 Derby winner, Michael Seely writes. Lord Purchester said: "This is a disaster for English racing, and the owners. We are all heart-broken..."

The surge of power that carried Troy to a seven-length win over Northern Bally in the 200th Derby was not over in the memory of those privileged to watch it. At the end of 1979 Troy was retired to stud. He was syndicated at £150,000, a world record for a yearling...

Beverley off

TODAY'S Beverley meeting has been cancelled because of waterlogging. There will be a further postponement at 1pm today to see if tomorrow's card can go ahead, but this might be brought forward if heavy rain persisted. Today's Tamerton meeting was called off yesterday because of a waterlogged course.

Newbury

Racing program for Newbury including race numbers, names, and odds.

Newmarket

Racing program for Newmarket including race numbers, names, and odds.

Newcastle selections

Selections for Newcastle races.

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Ludlow results

Results for Ludlow races.

Newcastle

Racing program for Newcastle including race numbers, names, and odds.

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Review of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 The Rt Hon Sir George Baker OBE has accepted the invitation of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland...

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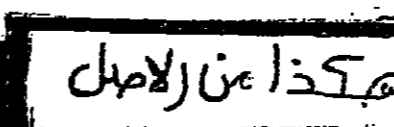
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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Davalle

- 5.00 Ceefax AM: News, traffic, weather and sport... 6.30 Breakfast Times... 7.30 News... 8.00 Daybreak...

- 12.00 Topper's Tales (R): 12.10 Ralston; 12.30 Writers on the Run... 1.00 News from ITV...

- 2.00 A Place for Us... 2.30 Film: Nurse on Wheels... 3.55 Play School... 5.10 The Story of a 14-year-old boy...



Neil Munro in The One Thousand Dazzon (Channel 4, 8.30pm)

- 6.05 Open University (until 8.15) Maths modelling... 11.00 Play School... 12.00 Topper's Tales...

To mark his return to television after an absence of more than a decade, Alan Owen has written a two-hour...

- 5.15 Acting with Anna: Fifth in this six-part series... 7.00 Channel Four News... 7.30 What a Pictorial John...

A respectful round of applause rather than the stamping of feet and cries of Author is, I think, the sensible way to salute TALES OF THE RASCALS...

- 8.00 News Briefing... 8.10 Farming Today... 8.30 The Royal Variety Performance...

less of a spiteful mood that the one she was in during those final, never-to-be-forgotten moments of The Treasure of Sierra Madre...

- 4.02 Just After Four... 4.10 You Can Do That... 4.40 Story Time... 5.00 PM: News Magazine...

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- A CREDIT CARD INSTANT... ALMONDYW... APOLLO THEATRE... BARNACLES... BARNHAM... BEAUFORT... BLOOMSBURY...

- BIRMINGHAM... BRISTOL... BUCKINGHAM... CHICHESTER... COVENTRY... CREW... DORCHESTER... DURHAM... EBBW VASE... EBBW VALE...

- FARMING... GLOUCESTER... GLoucester... HARVEST... HANTS... HANTS... HANTS... HANTS... HANTS...

Exhibitions and Art Galleries section featuring various art shows and galleries.

Advertisement for 'THE RISE TO POWER OF LOUIS XIV' by Roberto Rossellini, featuring a large image of a crown.

E Berlin arrest of Petra Kelly

From Michael Binyon Berlin Fran Kelly and three other leading members of the Green Party were arrested in East Berlin yesterday, after staging a demonstration in the main square and holding up banners calling for disarmament in East and West.

Running for charity on roof of the world



By Ronald Farr The Keswick brothers Richard and Adrian Crane are back in full stride in their attempt to run 2,500 miles across the Himalayas. Clearly recovered from their bout of "intestinal infection", as the brothers delicately put it, last reports have them crossing the Thorung La pass (above) 18,000ft north of the Annapurna massif.

Alliance aims to cut jobs by 1m

Continued from page 1 and the United States, the attitude of our Nato partners in Europe and whether arrangements for a double safety catch system have been agreed, the manifesto says.

Pep talk for Tory MPs

Mrs Thatcher sent her MPs off on the general election campaign trail last night with a warning against complacency and told them to expect a "scare hour" from the Labour Party, Philip Webster writes.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Touching farewell to an Arminian Methodist

And so to the one remaining full day of the House which was elected in May, 1979. Members paid deserved tribute to the Speaker, for whom the general election brings retirement. In a similarly traditional and sentimental scene at Prime Minister's questions, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Foot hurriedly brushed at one another the last time in this Parliament. That was a particularly touching moment, for the general election is also expected to bring retirement for one or the other of them.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements The Princess of Wales visits Gloucestershire Adventure Play-ground for the Handicapped, Seven Springs, Cheltenham, 10.55; visits Paradise House, training college for young people in need of special care, Paiswick, Stroud, 11.45.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No. 16,128

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 27 indicating starting positions for words. The grid is partially filled with letters.

Work by Roy Abell

Work by Roy Abell, RBSA Galleries, 69a New Street, Birmingham, Mon to Sat 11.30 to 6, closed Sun; (ends tomorrow).

Food prices

Although supplies of fish appear to be more plentiful than of late, the Sea Fish Industry Authority reports that prices are slightly higher. Cod fillets average about £1.25 a pound.

Roads

London and South-east: Chelsea Bridge: Single lane traffic causing delays during morning rush hour. Congestion in Windsor town centre and along A322 and A308, Berkshire, because of Royal Windsor Horse Show.

Weather forecast

A depression will be slow-moving to the W of Ireland. 6 am to midnight London, SE, central S, E, SW England, Midlands, Midlands, Cheshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, heavy at times, wind SW, moderate to fresh; max temp 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

High tides

Table of high tide times for various locations including London Bridge, Liverpool, Southampton, and others. Columns include location, AM, HT, PM, and HT.

ACROSS

- 1 Bill's returned article suffered from such criticism? (8)
2 Love to get into a gentle sort of stretch (8)
3 Mean support for a singer, say? (4)
4 Creamer once born unusually outside in The Bull (12)
5 Express Opposition to one's aim (6)
6 Relating to land management in Indian city before rain damage (8)
7 That bird in the straw hat (7)
8 A pint of beer we hear was Queen Anne's favourite (7)
9 No glue is causing damage of wood (3)
10 Pupil gets sound return for injury (6)
11 Like one taking a left-hand bend? (12)
12 Form of observance is said to be in order (4)
13 He pursues a French fool in this strip (8)
14 A kind of English flag (8)

DOWN

- 1 Vestment of Wilde's canon (8)
2 Choirboy taking opportunity to get rich quick? (6, 6)
3 With a false identity I am after gold (8)
4 Kind of violet may have blue flowers? (7)
5 His being a comparatively divine occupation? (6)
6 Piano melody for two (4)
7 This estate has no land? Such a remark may be offensive (8)
8 Perhaps guest erred in being off the record (12)
9 Flower-girl, we hear, placed in place of Man Mountain (8)
10 One occupies seat in this country's capital (8)
11 What I can't do now - (the second commandment I break) (8)
12 Like the dimensions of former courts (7)
13 Work one devoured as a saporific (6)
14 The speed to beat (4)

MUSIC

Concert by Lindsay String Quartet, Phoenix Arts Centre, Newark, Leicestershire, 7.30. Concert by Berlin Symphony Orchestra, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham, 7.30.

Anniversaries

Births: Sir Arthur Sullivan, London, 1842; Sir Ronald Ross, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1902, London, India, 1857; Georges Brasseur, Argentinean, 1882. Deaths: Nansen, explorer and statesman, Church of St Peter and St Paul, Salt, Norfolk, 7.30.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, and Yugoslavia.

Lighting-up time

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for various locations including London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Newcastle, and Penzance.

Around Britain

Table showing weather conditions and temperatures for various locations across Britain, including Aberdeen, Cardiff, Glasgow, London, Manchester, and others.

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 27 indicating starting positions for words. The grid is partially filled with letters.

Parliament today

Comments (9.30): Any Lords amendments to Bills. Dissolution. Lords (11): Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order and Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) Order. Dissolution.

Top films

- Top box-office films in London this week:
1) Tootsie
2) Sophie's Choice
3) Educating Rita
4) Gandhi
5) The Wicked Lady
6) The American Gigolo
7) American Gigolo
8) Heat and Dust
9) Europa
10) An Officer and a Gentleman
The top five in the provinces:
1) Tootsie
2) Raiders of the Lost Ark
3) Local Hero
4) Sophie's Choice
5) The Missionary

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 8 pm, 14C (57F); min 9 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 65 to 85%. Rain: 2.4 mm. Wind: S to SE, 17 to 25 kph. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,000 mbars = 29.53 in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Preston, 15C (59F); lowest day temp: Farnborough, 8C (46F); highest night temp: London, 6.7C; lowest night temp: London, 3.7C.

Abroad

Table showing weather conditions and temperatures for various international locations including Moscow, Tokyo, Sydney, and others.